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EMPIRE FORCES HOLD DEFENSIVE POSITIONS: NAZI RUMOUR THAT LEFT FLANK TURNED UNFOUNDED

German Occupation Of Island Of Lemnos Said Unlikely

REVIEWING THE SITUATION IN GREECE, MILITARY COMMENTATORS IN LONDON SAY THE EMPIRE FORCES ARE HOLDING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THE RUMOUR ORIGINATING FROM GERMAN SOURCES THAT THE LEFT FLANK HAS BEEN TURNED, says British Wireless.

It is understood there is no confirmation in London of the alleged occupation of the Island of Lemnos by Germans and competent quarters regard such occupation as unlikely to have taken place.

REUTER STATES IT IS LEARNED IN LONDON THAT THE GREEK AND IMPERIAL FORCES IN GREECE CONTINUE TO HOLD THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE REGION OF THERMOPYLAE.

Blamey Appointment To Meet Special Situation In The Middle East

LONDON, April 24 (BWS)—Much interest has been aroused by Mr. R. G. Menzies' intimation that LIEUT.-GEN. SIR THOMAS BLAMEY, Commander of the Australian Imperial Force in the Middle East, is to be appointed Deputy Commander-in-Chief for the whole of the Middle East.

It is understood that the appointment is intended to meet the special situation in the Middle East where the C.-in-C. is called upon to deal with the variety of fronts.

The idea is to provide General Wavell with a deputy who will have fuller responsibility in his absence than could be exercised by the Chief of Staff.

THE TIMES considers the appointment is justified both by the powers of his troops and his own distinction as a soldier, and adds: "He has already established with Gen. Wavell a collaboration of mutual trust and a more intimate association than now begins will certainly be as warmly welcomed by his brothers-in-arms from the old country as it can possibly be in Australia."

URGENT NEED FOR SPEED-UP

SYDNEY, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—Spurred by the lessons of the recent Middle East reverses, the Advisory War Council today discussed the urgent need for a speed-up in the output of munitions and mechanical equipment.

The Labour members of the Council and members of Parliament are clamouring for an overhaul of the whole organisation.

GENERAL ARNOLD AT PALACE

LONDON, April 24 (Reuter)—The Chief of the United States Air Corps, Major-General Arnold, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace today.

-On Other- Pages

- Swimming notes; Racing; Wah Yan sports; Water-polo.
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Must Keep Our Eyes On Libya

MEDITERRANEAN SITUATION

"Looking at the situation as a whole, there is only one place outside the home line at which a mortal blow can be dealt at Britain, and that is Egypt," said MR. PHILIP JORDAN, a B.B.C. commentator, in his broadcast from London yesterday.

"To sever part of the British force in the Mediterranean would be serious. But as long as the British Navy controls the waters of the Mediterranean, the Empire cannot be menaced.

"If Egypt is conquered, and I say it will not be conquered, this will open the flank and leave India open to attack. What we must do is to keep our eyes on Libya. Herr Hitler will not give up without a fight.

"Already German propaganda is giving out that he will attack Gibraltar and close the western end of the Mediterranean but as long as the British Navy can ensure supplies reaching Egypt there is no chance of Herr Hitler being able to capitalise on whatever gains he may have secured in the Balkans.

"It is true he threatens Turkey but between him and the prize he covets there lies the Dardanelles, another strip of water which cuts Turkey off from Europe.

"There is also Palestine. Trans-Jordan and the hinterland behind it which have bases from which the R.A.F. will be able to go to the assistance of the Turks when their armies resist—as resist they will—any attempt to invade their territory."

The capitulation of the army in the Epirus before an overwhelming force is the tragic end of six months' brilliant and victorious resistance, but the glory that has been won for Greece is imperishable and the claim she has established in honour and restitution in the world to set her free, is second to that of no other nation.

This comment by THE TIMES is the keynote of opinion expressed by all other papers.

The Times points out: "Empire forces established in new positions in Greece may be expected to put up a formidable resistance before the enemy can dislodge them. They have inflicted very great losses upon German hordes and will inflict still more."

The DAILY EXPRESS says: "We went to the aid of great and honourable men and in support of our Ally. The Hungarians wanted victory at any price. Our part was to make that price as high as possible—we have done it."

The NEWS-CHRONICLE states: "The Greek armies, after matchless resistance, have reached a point where they could fight no more. The Allied line itself holds firm, and under cover of the final rearguard action, we must expect that the evacuation of Allied forces will soon take place."

ADDED LUSTRE

THE DAILY MAIL says: "Greece has risen to her heights in all her ancient greatness and her people have added lustre to their arms and the name of Greece. Their valour will be rewarded and their faith given justice. Meantime, the enforced surrender of the army in the Epirus has made worse the whole position in Greece where grave decisions still have to be taken."

"The army in the Epirus fought such a fight as the world will never forget," says the DAILY TELEGRAPH.

"There has never been a more glorious example of fighting against odds."

RAPID WITHDRAWAL

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—The Greek High Command told of a rapid and hasty withdrawal in a communique just issued.

"The unexpected dislocation of the Yugoslav front, the rapid advance of the German forces on the Monastir plateau and our consequent separation from the Yugoslav army as well as the threat to the rear of our troops in Albania, completely disarranged the line of our forces," says the communique, "and obliged us to make a hasty withdrawal."

"The rapid thrust of the German mechanised units from the Monastir region towards the south and the resulting loss of the principal route of withdrawal for the left wing of our Albanian front obliged

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U.S. CONVOY HALF-WAY

OTTAWA, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—Some quarters believe that Mayor La Guardia's reference of defending the seas for 900 miles meant the United States might convoy supply ships half-way across the Atlantic, particularly in view of the remark he made to journalists before the speech.

Asked how far United States would go in convoying supplies to Britain, Mayor La Guardia said: "Watch my speech, a line in it will give the whole answer."

REAL DANGER

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—The growing danger to France and her African Empire as a result of German infiltration was stressed by GENERAL DE GAULLE, leader of the Free French Forces in a broadcast from Brazzaville.

At present the danger was not one of direct attack by the Germans and Italians. The real danger lay in disintegration which is now taking place as a result of enemy action masked by complicity of an outwardly authority which they twist at their will.

EVACUATION OF ISTANBUL

VICHY, April 24 (Reuter)—About 12,000 people will leave Istanbul tomorrow for evacuation to different parts of Anatolia, says an Istanbul message to the Vichy news agency. Voluntary evacuation has become so great that many special trains have had to be run every day from Istanbul to Ankara.

Story Of Visit Of Duke Of Aosta's Envoy To British H.Q. Is Revealed

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—THE STORY OF THE VISIT OF THE ENVOY OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA, VICEROY OF ABYSSINIA, TO BRITISH HEADQUARTERS to ask for protection for the White Italians in Africa, was revealed today.

On Apr. 15, an envoy from the Duke of Aosta arrived at Khartoum and was given a verbal message, insisting upon complete surrender.

AUSTRALIANS RAID ENEMY

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—The Australian troops in Tobruk have made further raids on the Italian and German troops in that area.

In one night, three raids were made, resulting in the capture of a number of enemy officers and other ranks.

It is emphasised that these raids should not be taken as an advance by the Imperial forces.

VIGOROUS ACTIVITIES
CAIRO, April 24 (Reuter)—A G.H.Q. communique states that in Libya, vigorous activities by British patrols have continued both in the Tobruk and Sollum areas.

In Abyssinia, increasing pressure is being maintained on the enemy holding covering positions in north and south of Dessie although demolitions are still hampering British progress.

Meanwhile, a satisfactory progress is being made by various British columns operating in the southern areas.

British troops have occupied Maji

DETAILS OF HAVOC CREATED BY BRITISH NAVAL BOMBARDMENT OF TRIPOLI HARBOUR: 530 TONS OF SHELLS FIRED IN ACTION

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—Further details of the havoc created in TRIPOLI harbour by the British naval bombardment on Monday were given in an Admiralty communique today which says that the bombardment was even more successful than at first thought.

Three transport, or supply ships, lying in the naval basin were hit and set seriously on fire and one of them was actually seen to sink.

"High Time" U.S. Citizens Got Excited

NEW YORK, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—"It is high time the citizens of the United States got excited about the critical state of the world," declared the United States Secretary of Agriculture, MR. CLAUDE WICKWARD, addressing the Farmers' meeting.

If the United States wishes to continue as a great nation, she must act as a great nation. Nowadays, ostrich nations do not last very long."

Mr. Wickward declared American agriculturists stake in the British victory was very great because "if the Axis are victorious, we can kiss our export markets goodbye."

PETAINE 86

PARIS, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—Newspapers which are German-controlled devote a full page of praise to MARSHAL PETAINE on Thursday morning on the occasion of his 86th birthday.

According to the German News Agency, the "newspapers express devotion of the French people to the Marshal and hope he will succeed in giving a new impetus to French politics."

A fourth ship appears to have been laden with ammunition, for, when it was hit by a 15-inch shell, the vessel exploded.

A supply ship moored off the Spanish Quay was hit by a 15-in. shell and sank almost immediately.

Another supply ship outside the harbour was hit and set on fire.

A destroyer moored at the Karamanti Mole was hit. Clouds of smoke were seen to be coming from at least three other ships but it was not possible to establish as to whether this was due to damage or an attempt to create a smoke-screen.

Harbour facilities were also seriously damaged.

CONTINUOUSLY HIT
The Spanish Quay, the main unloading quay at Tripoli, was seen to be continuously hit.

The Governor's office and naval headquarters were repeatedly hit.

A large fire and explosion were caused in the main oilfield depot and many of the surrounding buildings were set on fire.

Vivid flashes were caused when the power station was hit.

Some 530 tons of shells were fired during the bombardment.

No damage or casualties were caused to our naval units by enemy shore batteries or enemy aircraft during the approach or when our ships were returning to their base. No enemy naval units were encountered.

HAWKER ROBBED

A daring daylight robbery occurred at Yaumatei yesterday when a Hawker was robbed of \$200 worth of shawls by four armed men.

According to a report made to the Police, Li Lok, was hawking along Shanghai Street about noon when a woman told him that she wanted to buy shawls. They went to No. 45, Shanghai Street and on the staircase four men, armed with a dagger and knife, held-up the Hawker.

No arrest was made.

PACT APPROVED

TOKYO, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—The Extraordinary Session of the Privy Council this afternoon approved the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact signed in Moscow on Apr. 13. The Pact becomes effective tomorrow.

Today's News Summary

A RUMOUR ORIGINATING from German sources that the Empire forces' left flank in Greece has been broken is not true. Latest reports state that the Empire forces are holding the defensive positions and the alleged German occupation of the Island of Lemnos is not likely to have taken place.

MORE DETAILS HAVE been given by the Admiralty of the British naval bombardment of Tripoli harbour on Monday and it is stated that the action was even more successful than at first thought.

THE VISIT OF THE envoy of the Duke of Aosta to British headquarters to ask for protection for the White Italians in Africa, is told.

PLYMOUTH BORE THE brunt of Nazi air raids on Britain for the third night in succession.

BREST, WHERE THE powerful German cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are still sheltering, was again raided by the R.A.F.

THE APPOINTMENT OF General Sir Thomas Blamey as Deputy Commander of the Imperial Forces in the Middle East is warmly welcomed.

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN Tobruk have made further raids on Italian and German forces in that area.

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COLONY SWIMMERS HARD AT PRACTICE

Kwok Chun-hang Will Stage Come-back

BY "MERMAN"

FOUR RECORDS WERE SHATTERED AND ONE EQUALLED in the course of last season's swimming championships, and credit must be given to DAVID HUTCHINSON, NG NIN and CHAN CHUN-NAM, who shared the honours between them in the men's events.

The ladies did fairly well, considering their first participation in five new events in the championships, in which VIVIANNE CHURN, LI PO-LUEN and CELESTE GUTIERRES were the most prominent.

Swimming has definitely improved to a higher standard and it will be more so this season as, on a tour of various clubs, many well-known swimmers were seen hard at practice.

At the V.R.C. pool, LIONEL ROZA - PEREIRA, ex-swimming champion and present diving titleholder, was practicing up and down the new diving boards and, on being interviewed, said that he would only defend his diving crown, and will not concentrate on swimming.

A.K. RUMJAHN, back-stroke champion who did not give of his best, might, with stiffer opposition, establish a record in this event.

EUROPEAN Y.

Although the European Y.M.C.A. fared rather disappointingly last season, they have not been idle, and ERIC RAILTON and his boys have been practising hard since winter swimming began at their pool.

At present they possess one of the best water-polo teams in the Colony, and the first swimming competition, it is learned, will be staged in their pool, when BENNY MAY, EARDLEY and GOLDMAN, last season's stalwarts, will be seen in action.

CHINESE STARS

The North Point clubs have not been officially opened, but many Chinese stars have taken to the chilly water earlier in the season.

KWOK CHUN-HANG, former breast-stroke champion, is staging a come-back and will be seen in action for his old club, South

China A.A., and, together with TOMMY KEW, are trying to raise a new team as most of their old swimmers have joined other clubs.

CHAN CHUN-NAM, the "legless" wonder, who swept the board in the long distance and harbour races last year, is known to have been hard at practice at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. He is, no doubt, in a class all by himself in the longer distances, and unless there is one like him, there is nothing left for him to do but to lower the records established by him.

NG NIN

At Chung Shing, NG NIN, last season's sensational all-rounder, hopes to win more laurels this year and is now under the expert management of CHAN SHEK-PUI, swimming coach, who is also having NG TSUN-MAN, another sprinter, with him.

Individual competitive swimming in the ladies' section was never so keenly contested than last season when there were no less than five new events added in their championships.

V.R.C. LADIES

V.R.C. ladies were the most successful, capturing five out of the seven. Prominent for them were VIVIANNE CHURN, JACKIE ANDERSON, CELESTE GUTIERRES, DING LOPES, MYRA NORONHA and DOREEN WEIR.

All are sprinters, except Miss Gutierres, who is a long-distance swimmer. She annexed the 440 yards free-style championship in convincing manner, beating her nearest rival by no less than four lengths.

While China's mermaids do not possess such an array of talent in the sprint class, they have not done so badly in the other events.

LI PO-LUEN

LI PO-LUEN and SAR WA-YING were the most outstanding capturing the Colony's 100 yards breast-stroke and 100 yards back-stroke, respectively. With more coaching they should be able, this season, to furnish stiffer opposition in the sprint class.

With such an array of talent, swimming enthusiasts will be treated with many keen swimming contests and water-polo games this coming season.

Water-polo Competition Sponsored By Y.M.C.A.

That the outlook for water-polo in the coming season is very bright was evidenced at a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. water-polo section held last evening when it was revealed that a tournament would be sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. and more than ten teams would probably enter.

The tournament will commence on May 20 and play will be in three pools, "Y", Army and Navy, on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and on Sunday, after 11 a.m. Entries will close on May 10.

PROPOSED TEAMS

The proposed teams are one each from Y. M. C. A., Royal Scots, Royal Signals and Combined Small Units, three from Royal Navy, four from R. A. and two from the Middlesex Regiment.

It was also decided that the referees will be supplied by the Committee and units are requested to submit their names.

The entrance fee to be charged was not decided upon.

The following Committee was appointed:—R. Goldman, A. F. May, Lieut. H. A. W. Miller, Sgt. Bedford E. F. Paul, L. A. Benn, W. B. Ure, and Sgt. Page; Sub-Committee: E. F. Paul, W. B. Ure, R. Goldman and a representative from R. A.

Another meeting will be held on May 13.

Mr. R. Goldman presided yesterday.

FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

WAH YAN COLLEGE SPORTS

WHITE HOUSE WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

The sixth annual athletic meeting of the Wah Yan College was held at the Kowloon Football Club yesterday.

The House championship was won by White House with 290 points. Leung Yiu-hon, of Blue House, was awarded the Senior championship with 30 points, while Mak Po-gha, of Red House, won the Junior title with 26 points. The Midget champion was Fung Kang, of White House.

The invitation relay race and the open 1,500 metres were won by La Salle College and P. Manson of the Royal Scots, respectively.

The Very Rev. Fr. E. Bourke, S.J., distributed the prizes. He extended his congratulations to Mr. Lin Hoy-lan, headmaster, and Mr. S. Aras, sportsmaster.

THE RESULTS

The results were as follows:

100 metres: (Sen.) 1 Leung Yiu-hon; 2 Tang Kwok-wah; 12-3/5 secs. (Jr.) 1 Yau Kwan-leung; 2 Kan Tim-fook; 12-4/5 secs. (Midget) 1 Chan Yuet-shing; 2 Au Chung-yang; 14-1/5 secs. Shot put: (Sen.) 1 Cheung Yau-fong; 2 Wong Chun-yin; 10-45 ft. 300 metres: (Sen.) 1 Leung Yiu-hon; 2 Cheung Yau-fong; 3 Wong King-chiu; 2:29-2/5 mins. (Jr.) 1 Wong Sui-fong; 2 Chow Kwok-sun; 3 Ho Ling-hui; time: 2:43 mins. 200 metres: (Sen.) 1 Leung Yiu-hon; 2 Tang Kwok-wah; 2:25-2/5 secs. (Jr.) 1 Yau Kwan-leung; 2 Mak Po-gha; 2:47-4/5 secs. (Midget) 1 Fung Kang; 2 Koo Wing-hung; 3:13-3/5 secs. (Wah Yan College, H.K.) 1 Ho Sai-kit; 2 Chan Shiu-kei; 4:00 metres: (Sen.) 1 Wong Chee-cheung; 2 Leung Yiu-hon; 6:34-5/5 secs. (Jr.) 1 Wong Sui-fong; 2 Lee Kwok-wai; 8:47-4/5 secs. Scouts' race: 1 Ng Chun-sing; 2 Cheung Kam-tim. Rovers race: 1 Leung Yiu-hon; 2 Lee Hung-leung. Inter-house relay: (Sen.) Blue House (Jr.) Green House, 1 min. 30 secs. (Midget) Green House, 1 min. 32 secs. 200 metres. Wah Yee College: (Sen.) 1 Yu Yick-leung; 2 Lee Chi wan. 24 secs. Invitation relay: La Salle College, 1:50 metres (open to Colony) 1 P. Manson; 2 Sandberg; 3 Hung Katsang. 4:48 mins; 1,500 metres open: 1 Cheung Yau-fong; 2 Chan Hung-shui; 3 Wei Tat-cheu, 5:46 mins. 200 metres. Old Boys: 1 Ho Sai-kit; 2 Leung Yiu-hon, 2:43-4/5 secs; 400 metres (Wah Yan, H.K.): 1 Lam Kwok-leung; 2 Cheung Kati-pul. Teachers' sack race: 1 Cheung Wah-leung; 2 Chu Chee-shing; 3 S. Aras. Inter-house tug-of-war: Blue House.

Y.M.C.A. GALA ON MAY 14

The first gala of the European Y. M. C. A. will be held on May 14, commencing at 9.15 p.m.

Entries will close on May 7 and time trials for handicapping will be carried out on May 9 from 7 p.m.

The following is the programme:—50 yards aggregate handicap; 220 yards free-style handicap; 100 yards back-stroke handicap; 75 yards individual medley; Diving (sealed handicap); 200 yards free-style invitation relay. (Lal Tsun, Army, Navy, European Y. M. C. A.; Water-Polo (European Y. M. C. A. & Middlesex).

POLICE HOCKEY VISIT

The Hongkong Police Hockey Club, runners-up to Recreation in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament, are leaving the Colony on Sunday morning for Macao where they will meet a combined Macao eleven in a friendly match.

The team, under the management of Mr. E. C. Luscombe, A. S. P., will comprise Naranjan Singh; Man Singh, Blackburn; Leslie, Gough, Hayward; Teja Singh, Howlett, Narwant Singh, Parker and Brown. Reserves are Wall and Jesur Singh. Sergt. Rothwell, hon. secretary, will accompany the team.

BOWLS MATCH

The Kowloon Dock Recreation Club will open the lawn bowls season tomorrow when they will entertain Kowloon Football Club in a friendly game at Hunghom.

St. George's Plate Is Main Event

BY LAST QUARTER

THE ST. GEORGE'S PLATE, over one and a quarter miles, confined to "B" Class China ponies will be the principal event at the FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING of the Hongkong Jockey Club at Happy Valley tomorrow afternoon. It is a handicap race, and a new clause inserted this year stipulates that ponies are to be ridden by Jockeys who have won at least ten official flat races or Jockeys approved by the Stewards. This will probably mean the non-appearance of "red-letter" jockeys and may well imply the possibility of Novice Jockeys, being restricted to a certain extent as regards future participation in open races.

We are fortunate in this Colony to have at our disposal a fairly large number of qualified and seasoned jockeys and I have often wondered as to the real reason (aside from the five-pound allowance) that have prompted owners to send out their candidates with a novice jockey up, when many of the experienced riders are available. While making no insinuations whatever as to the prowess of our Novices, I feel that the above clause could be inserted more frequently and congratulate the authorities on the step taken, since ample provision is always made for Novice events at most of our race meetings.

The above feature, coupled with the recent introduction of the condition whereby ponies entered for a sprint race cannot be entered for a longer distance event, confined to the same class, at the same particular meeting, clearly shows the efforts on the part of the Stewards to provide the public with better and keener racing at all times and for which I am certain all racing enthusiasts are grateful.

TAI MOSHAN HANDICAP
After their performance in the Novice Race at the last meeting, I visualise another close finish between Eve of Hunting and Blue Field in the opening event for "D" Class China ponies, from the two mile post once round and in. Book at Bay was a little disappointing the last time but I expect this chestnut to do better tomorrow, especially if a strong jockey is given the mount.

Rose Queen is fancied in certain quarters but I believe this mare has seen her best racing days and do not expect her to do better than secure a place, at the most. Celtic Star is improving in form and will certainly offer some opposition to the favourites, though I really think Lovely View is the outsider. If this bay will only decide to race instead of playing around, he could put a very good performance in this company. If the going is heavy and wet, have a small bet on Guinness Time.

CANTERBURY PARK STAKES
In this six furlong sprint for non-winning Australian griffins of the year, National Reform and King's Welcome are the entrants to watch. It will not surprise me to see the former start a firm favourite in view of the recent fast mile gallop. Hascossay always shows up well in training but somehow fails to come up to scratch in a race, although I believe this bay should be capable of getting placed. Gay Fox is a fairly good outsider, while Prairie View has been improving of late and may run close.

ST. GEORGE'S PLATE
This classic of the day should produce a fairly representative field and the race will be interesting in view of the two "B" class races for China ponies, at the Third Extra Meeting. Avon was moving quite impressively on Wednesday morning and if Mr. Black is in the saddle, the combination may win again. Eve of Reason was third in this same event last year, when Clobber won in 2:24-4/5, and I expect this pony to do fairly well tomorrow as she appeared a little heavy at the last meeting and the additional two weeks training should count in her favour.

Galaxy and Gay Star are both fairly dangerous while for bigger returns on the pari-mutuel, I suggest following the new griffins, World Fair View and So Nice. These two ponies have won races in fairly fast time for "B" Class and are nicely weighted, particularly the last named.

CHARTERS TOWERS STAKES
There are only nine entries for this mile race and I think Mount View should experience no difficulty in winning, as this Lan candidate has done quite well in better company. Nomine Poenae should be next in demand and the remaining place fought out between Bonaparte and Tropical Love.

BROKEN HILL HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)
This is a difficult event to forecast and all the more interesting

as it is the first leg of the Daily Double. A Happy Time first comes to my mind, but I cannot be too certain, as The Nineteenth Hole and Man-O-War have been coming along nicely this last month and are both galloping exceptionally well. Colooma is another possibility, while Manhattan will also be well supported, especially if Mr. Peter Wei is the jockey. However, I think the distance is not exactly to the liking of this sub. I do not think Starlight will be starting, but Glamour at 137 lbs. should not be left out of the reckoning.

At the moment, I expect the order at the finish to be: A Happy Time, The Nineteenth Hole and Colooma, with Man-O-War as the potential danger.

KOALA STAKES (FIRST SECTION)

With winners barred, there is only a moderate field entered in this mile and a quarter race for subscription griffins of this year. Bona Vacantia should secure a win here, closely challenged by Seventy Six. The next best is Bugle, while the others need hardly be considered, as I think they are in a different class to the three I have mentioned.

ST. KILDA STAKES (FIRST SECTION)

Although there are several fair sprinters in this six furlong event, I favour The Koala Bear as the ultimate winner, with Newborn Star as the one most likely to beat the favourite, Battle, A Rosy Time and Royal Sovereign are all capable of securing one of the minor positions. This is the second leg of the Daily Double.

KOALA STAKES (SECOND SECTION)

There is nothing of note in this particular race and consequently a fair dividend may be expected, as the ponies all appear to have a chance. In view of the distance (1-1/4 miles), I like Strathalbyn and Look See as they seem to be able to last best. Double Dutch, Tien Tien and Swallow are doing fairly well in training and therefore must be considered in view of the poor quality of the field.

ST. KILDA STAKES (SECOND SECTION)

On track performances I think Daylight will be difficult to beat in this six furlong event. Vitamin M must not be neglected, as this bay mare was one of the more promising ones during the training prior to the Annual Meeting. I have not seen her lately, but it is possible she is one of those who fail at the break of dawn, and if the stable connections send her to the post tomorrow, it will be enough for me to place a small bet on her. Googly is fast improving and has a very good outside chance. National Endurance, High Hat and Twinkling Star are fair propositions.

BROKEN HILL HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Jus Gentium is looking well enough these days and as 1-1/4 miles is just about right for her, I believe this pony's chances of winning are excellent. Happy Returns is dangerous as this brown can take in a little bit of distance and is game. Rowan, Corsair and



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LESTER STEERS CLEARS BAR AT OVER 7 FEET

The wish of every high jumper to top the "ceiling" of seven feet was realised at the University of Oregon on Feb. 27 by LESTER STEERS, who cleared the bar at 7 ft. 3 in. during an exhibition before 6,000 spectators gathered to watch the Oregon-Oregon State basketball game.

The unofficial leap beats the indoor record of 6 ft. 9 1/2 ins. held by Edward Burke, Marquette, and the outdoor mark of 6 ft. 9 1/2 ins. held jointly by David Albritton, Ohio State, and Cornelius Cooper Johnson, Compton Junior College of California.

The unofficial outdoor record until Steers' phenomenal leap at Eugene, Oregon, was a mark of 6 ft. 10 1/2 ins. accomplished by Melvin Walker of Ohio State University, a teammate of the great Jesse Owens, in Sweden in 1937. The unofficial indoor record was a height of 6 ft. 10 ins. cleared by Edward T. Burke in the same year.

SECOND YEAR

Les Steers is entering his second year of top-flight competition, though he was already a 6 ft 6 in. jumper at San Mateo Junior College in 1935 and had cleared very near that height while in High School. He is about a year too late at the University of Oregon as his presence there last season would have just about rounded out a track team that could have put in a strong bid for the Pacific Coast Conference title against such titans of the track as the University of Southern California, Stanford, the University of California and Washington State.

With Steers' entry into the Oregon squad the team will be considerably bolstered, but will lack such top flight stars lost by graduation as Jim Buck, low hurdler, Rod Hanson, pole vaulter, and Kirman Storil, half miler. Oregon's gain is also Stanford's loss. Steers' first coach was the former Stanford mentor, Dink Templeton, and while the boy was at Palo Alto High School, much was heard in the California press about his coming entry into Stanford.

DREARIES TEAM

With Stanford facing the prospect of its dreariest team in years, Steers' appearance on the Oregon squad and rumbles from California and the Washington State campus that these two other athletic arsenals of the West Coast are rounding out terrific squads paced by quarter-miler Grover Klemmer and sprinter Pat Haley, prospects all round present a very jumbled picture.

Southern California again has power centred about Johnny Wilson, who has already cleared 6 ft. 8 ins. in the high jump, javelin champion Bobby Peoples and quarter-milers Cliff Bourland, Howard Upton, Howard Bachman and Hubert Kerns, who together should form a relay four to put into the shade the best Mile Relay marks ever notched up in the history of Collegiate track.

The Coast Conference meet toward the end of May will probably see Southern California, entering talent into every final, running away from the other Conference members. It may be predicted that, providing it doesn't rain, a number of records will take a nose dive and among the new standards set will be one, or even two, world marks.

Players are requested to report to Capt. R. E. Guest, Manager of the Association's team at the dressing room at 3.30 p.m. sharp. Players unable to turn out are requested to inform the Secretary before Friday, Apr. 25. Shorts, jerseys and stockings will be supplied.

Bankier (R. Scots); Roughley (R. Navy); Fraser (R. Scots); Freshwater (M'Ex); Bright (M'Ex); Thomas (M'Ex); Fowler (Club); Le Page (Navy); Howlett (Police); Ferrier (Police); Rierson (Club). RESERVES:—Lapsley (Kowloon); Sheehan (M'Ex); Blackburn (Police); Pope (Police); Hossack (R. Scots); Barber (Navy); Hendy (Navy).

Venus Bay are other likely candidates, while Vixen Tor at 141 lbs. is always dangerous and especially so tomorrow in view of her fine gallop on Wednesday morning.

My final selections will appear in tomorrow's issue.

KOWLOON TONG WEDDING



Group picture taken in the garden of No. 8 Lincoln Road, Kowloon Tong, after the wedding between Mr. Yeung Kai-sun and Miss Chang Kam-to.—(Sun Ying Ming).

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Water-polo practice (5.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships, Club Championships. Final.—C. H. R. Oxlade or F. W. Carter v. R. D. Guest or M. Pagh (Stand Court).

TOMORROW

GOLF.—Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Bogey Par (New Course, Fanning).

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Fourth Extra Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 26th April, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL
25—Tides: High 9.02 a.m. and 9.31 p.m. Low: 2.22 a.m. and 2.57 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.56 a.m.; Sunset: 6.47 p.m.
V.A.D.'s revue "Pure and Simple," China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.
Dance for Seafarers S. & S. Home, 9 p.m.
European Y.M.C.A. Athletic Section Meeting, 8 p.m.
Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, A.R.P. Hqs., Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of H.K. Anti-T.B. Assn., St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.
Laying of Wreath at Cenotaph by Australian and New Zealand Assn. (Anzac Day), 11 a.m.
H.K. Chinese Journalists' Assn. Bazaar, To On Restaurant.
Chinese Y.M.C.A. Health Movement, Bridges Street.
R.A.O.C. Visitors' Night, Smoking Concert.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
26—Tides: High 9.22 a.m. and 10.11 p.m. Low: 2.53 a.m. and 3.38 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.55 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.
Fourth Extra Race Meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, 2 p.m.
V.A.D.'s revue "Pure and Simple," China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Boys' and Girls' Club Assn. Annual Sports, Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.
Little Flower Club Dance, King's Park, 9 p.m.
Lecture: Dr. Clift on "Prophecy," 77 Pokfulam Road, 2nd floor, 8.30 p.m.
H.K. Chinese Journalists' Assn. Bazaar, To On Restaurant.
Chinese Y.M.C.A. Health Movement, Bridges Street.
27—Tides: High 9.44 a.m. and 10.48 p.m. Low: 3.53 a.m. and 4.56 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.54 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.
Benefit Performance for St. Vincent de Paul's Society of "David Copperfield," King's Theatre, 11.30 a.m.
Tsinghua Alumni Dinner-Dance, Peninsula Hotel.
Annual Masonic Church Service, Union Church, Kennedy Road, 6 p.m.
28—Tides: High 9.58 a.m. and 11.26 p.m. Low: 3.53 a.m. and 4.56 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.53 a.m.; Sunset: 6.48 p.m.
Annual Meeting of Children's Playgroup Assn., Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, 5.15 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m.
29—Tides: High 10.21 a.m. Low: 4.21 a.m. and 5.37 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.53 a.m.; Sunset: 6.49 p.m.
Claims against Estate of late Mr. W. A. W. Dawn due.
30—Tides: High 12.08 p.m. and 10.48 p.m. Low: 4.44 a.m. and 6.18 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.52 a.m.; Sunset: 6.49 p.m.
Annual Mtg. of Macao Electric Lighting Co. Ltd., Offices of Messrs. Love Bingham and Matthews, 11.30 a.m.
H.K. Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting, Offices of Messrs. Sir Ely Kadoorie and Sons, noon.

"SEA HAWK"

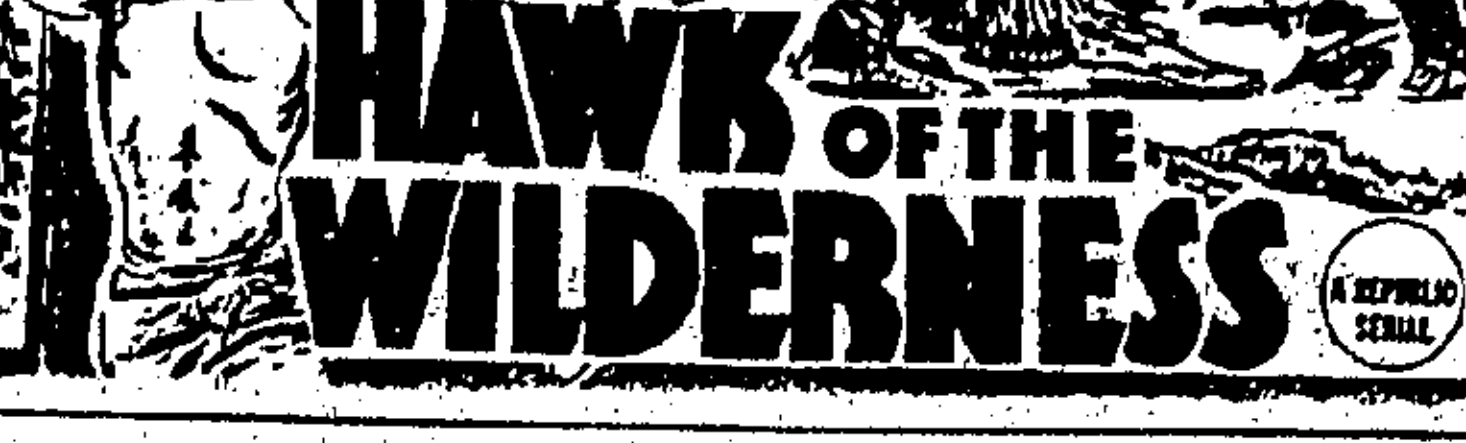
"The Sea Hawk," starring Errol Flynn in the most glorious screen adventure of his career, is at the Majestic Theatre as the next feature attraction. In the stellar supporting cast are Brenda Marshall, Claude Rains, Donald Crisp, Flora Robson and Alan Hale.
Background of the stirring story of "The Sea Hawk" is England in the lusty days of Queen Elizabeth. Among England's heroes of the time are sea fighters, who prey on the Spanish galleons, stripping them of their rich booty and bringing it home to swell England's dwindling treasury. Most daring and fearless of these privateers is Geoffrey Thorpe, the role portrayed by Flynn.
Master director of the action film, Michael Curtiz has directed "The Sea Hawk" with the emphasis on robust adventure, stirring sea fights and daring duels, interspersed with tender romantic interludes.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Elgar — Enigma Variations, Op. 36.

Theme (Andante) and Variations—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano.
My S.O.S. for You (film "Soft Lights and Sweet Music"); Dirty Face (Hillier and Others). The Moon and the Willow Tree (film "The Road to Singapore").

1.11 Hawaiian Selections.
Broadway's Gone, Hawaii (film "Love and Kisses"); Farewell Hawaii (Potterell and Others); The Hawaiian Islanders with Vocal Chorus. Pua Carnation; Palikiko Blues—The Tahiti Beachcombers. Rock Me in a Cradle of Kalua (Wendling); Maybe It's the Moon (Whiting) — Frank Perera's Hawaiian Trio.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 Variety with Elsie Carlisle and Robert Ashley.

Vocal—Bird on the Wing (Kennedy and Grosz); With All My Heart (film "Her Master's Voice")—Robert Ashley (Baritone). Piano — Finger Prints (Engelman) — Patricia Rossborough. Vocal—Elsie Carlisle Medley — Intro: Gertie, the girl with the gong; Home James, and don't spare the horses; No, No, a thousand times No; Dirty hands, dirty face; Little Chap with big ideas; Little man, you've had a busy day—Elsie Carlisle. Accordion—Wind and Waves (Zander) — Jungherr's Accordion Melodians. Vocal—Thanks a Million (from the film)—Robert Ashley (Baritone). Accordion—My Rhythm (Munsonius)—Jungherr's Accordion Melodians. Vocal—Tigerty. Boo (Hallifax)—Elsie Carlisle.

2.15 Close Down.
5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins and Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—My Last Year's Gal; I Can't Give you Anything but Love—Harry Roy and his Orchestra with Vocal refrain. Sailing on the Robert E. Lee (West and Others); Ragtime Cowboy Joe (Clarke and Others); Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins. Waltz—A Gift from Heaven (Roy)—Harry Roy and his Orchestra. Rockin' Chair; Georgia on my Mind; Lazy Day; Sweet Sue, just You; Heebie Jeebies; I wonder where my Baby is to-night? — Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins. Slow Fox-Trot—It May Be; Quickstep—Twe Got a Pocketful of Dreams (film "Sing you Sinners")—Harry Roy and his Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 Anzac Day Programme.
Waltzing Matilda (Peterson-Cowan); Walata Pol (Hill) — Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) w. Orch. Rustle of Spring, Op. 32, No. 3 (Sinding) — Eileen Joyce (Piano). Hello Ma! (Plotsam and Jetsam); Is 'E An Aussie, Lizzie, Is 'E? (Plotsam & Jetsam) — Mr. Plotsam and Mr. Jetsam with Piano.

Short Talk from the Studio by Captain C. De Saille-Robertson, M.V. Advance Australia; God defend New Zealand.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 Studio — "All in Bee"—The Church v. The State.

Composers: Mr. D. J. Sloss.
8.40 Classical Requests.
Roses from the South — Waltz (J. Strauss)—Marek Weber and his Orchestra. Concert Study in D Flat Major (Liszt) — Egon Petri (Piano). Fluttering Birds (Gennin) — Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. La Cathedrale Engloutie, Prelude No. 10 (Debussy)—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

9.00 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour".

9.30 Classical Requests continued.
Sylvan Scenes Suite (Fletcher); In Beauty's Power—Sylvia Dances — The Pool of Narcissus—Cupid's Carnival—London Palladium Orch. cond. by Clifford Greenwood. Waltz in A Flat Major (Brahms)—Isolda Meneses (Violin) w. Piano. Double Concerto in D Minor (Bach)—1st Mov. Vivace; 2nd Mov. Largo ma non tanto; 3rd Mov. Allegro—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) & Georges Enesco (Violin) with Orch.

9.45 — 10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 London Relay — "Correspondence Column" by Sidney Hornblow.
10.15 Schubert Songs.

The Erl King—Hedge Rose; Impatience — Alexander Kipnis (Bass). Serenade—Erna Berger (Soprano) w. String Quartet.
10.27 Schubert — Trio in B Major for Piano, Violin and Cello.

1st Mov. Allegro Moderato; 2nd Mov. Andante un poco mosso; 3rd Mov. Scherzo; 4th Mov. Rondo—Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.
11.00 Close down.

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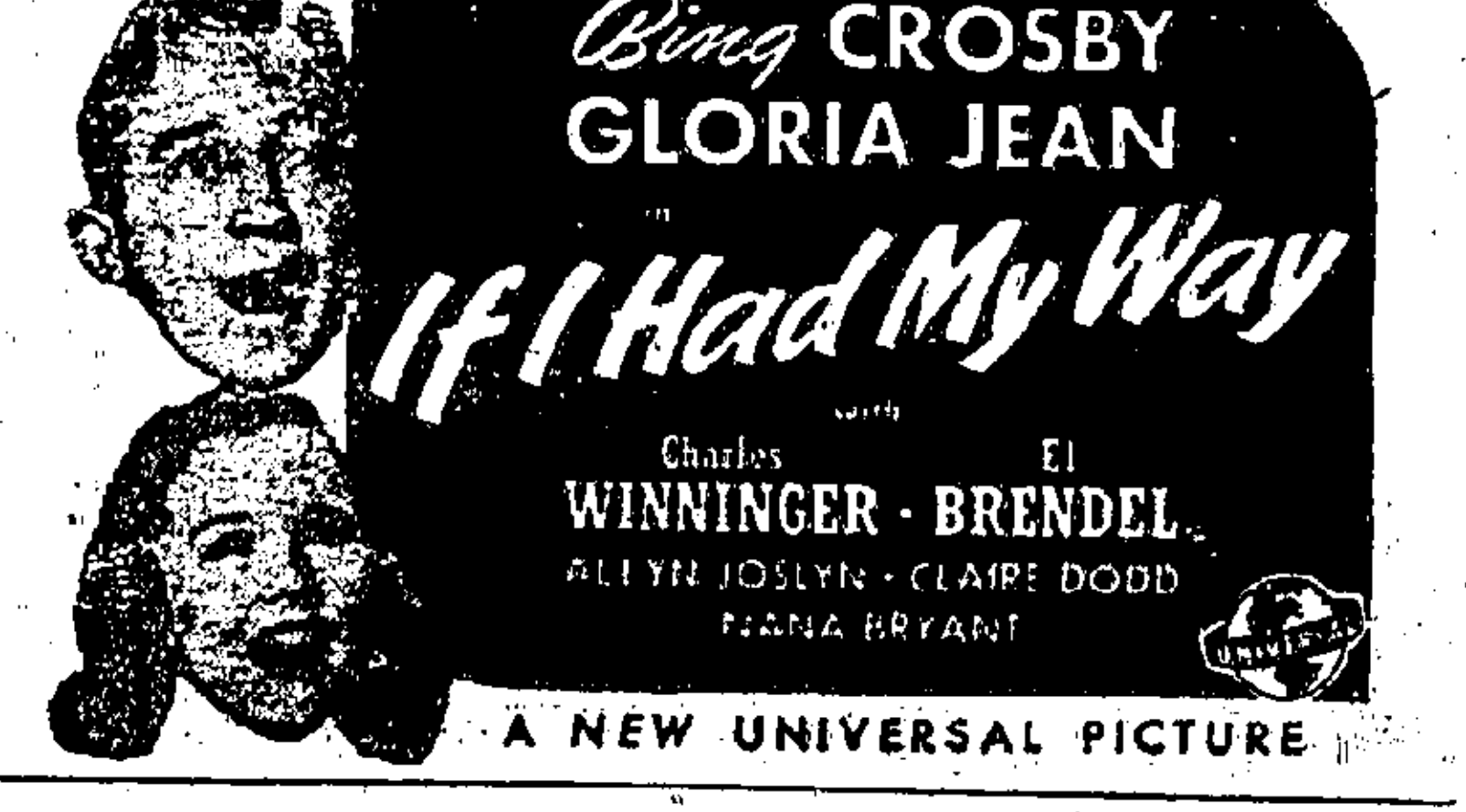
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Others in the cast of thousands include Warren William and Porter Hall, as Phoebe's most dangerous enemies, Regis Toomey, Byron Foulger, Earle Crawford, and a score or more of Hollywood's finest character actors.

GREEK GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE IN CRETE

King George's Message To The People: Tribute Paid To British Troops

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter) — King George and the Greek Government have arrived in Crete, according to an announcement by the Athens radio.

King George of the Hellenes, in a message to the Greek people, said: "The cruel destiny of war today compels us and the heir to the Throne, as well as the lawful Government, to leave Athens and transfer the capital to Crete, whence we will be able to continue the struggle that the will of the entire nation and our duty to defend the country's independence and territorial integrity have laid upon us after the unprovoked attack we suffered from two empires.

"Our will and that of the Greek Government and people, as already affirmed in manifold fashion, has called for resistance to the end by the Greek people who, despite the unequal nature of the struggle — particularly after the invasion — have opposed the enemy with the support of British forces that came to our aid and fought so bravely, as they are still fighting on Greek soil for a just cause.

"Though exhausted after six months of victorious and hard fighting against a much stronger enemy, our troops, who have written the most glorious pages of our military history, continued the struggle against the German offensive with unheard-of heroism.

EPHROS ARMY

"We still do not know the real reasons why the Army of the Ephros signed an armistice with the enemy without our knowledge and without the cognisance of the C. in C. and the Government. This signature in no way binds the free will of the nation, the King and the Government, which is manifested in the continuation of the struggle with all the forces remaining to us to safeguard our national interests.

"With this aim in view, we are compelled to go to Crete. We are leaving in order to be able freely, from free Greek territory, to continue the struggle against the invaders until final victory is achieved that shall repay us fully for the nation's great sacrifices."

The King's proclamation concludes by urging the Greeks not to lose heart, remain faithful to

RAJPUTANA TORPEDOED

LONDON, April 24 (Reuter) — It is officially announced that the armed merchant cruiser, Rajputana, has been torpedoed and sunk.

She was a sister ship of the Rawalpindi, which was sunk in a battle with the German pocket battleship Deutschland, in the North Atlantic early in the war.

Both the Rajputana and Rawalpindi were formerly P. and O. liners well-known in Hongkong.

AERIAL BATTLE OVER TOBRUK

FOUR AXIS PLANES DESTROYED

CAIRO, Apr. 24 (Reuter) — R.A.F. fighters intercepted a large force of enemy aircraft over Tobruk on Tuesday afternoon and, although greatly outnumbered, shot down two Messerschmitt fighters, a Fiat fighter and a Junkers bomber.

Other enemy aircraft were badly damaged. Continued attacks on enemy mechanised forces in Cyrenaica were made throughout Tuesday. A machine-gun attack on German motor transport vehicles resulted in heavy casualties and much confusion to the enemy.

In an early morning raid on Benghazi, bombs were dropped on two motor cars and a direct hit was registered on one ship. Other shipping was also damaged.

LAND OPERATIONS

Australian troops carried out two highly successful raids from Tobruk on the night of April 21, says a British headquarters communiqué.

Seventeen Italian officers and 430 other ranks were captured while our own casualties were slight. One enemy field gun was destroyed in the Sollum area.

Our patrols and artillery are continuing their offensive activities.

Neutrality Of Shanghai Violated

Italian Seizure Of Yugoslav Freighter

SHANGHAI, Apr. 24 (Reuter) — The British authorities are reported to be investigating the forcible seizure of the 5,000-ton Yugoslav freighter Tomislav in Shanghai waters by Italians.

Under charter to the Australian Wheat Board, the ship was boarded by 12 Italian marines under an officer on Tuesday afternoon after some trouble aboard among the crew who stated that they may have been got at by the Italian authorities with a view to preventing the ship from sailing.

Well-informed quarters here state that the Italian action in boarding the ship in this manner was not in accordance with the neutral status of Shanghai.

There is no question of a British protest it is stated.

OFFICER-PRISONERS IN GERMANY

LONDON, April 24 (Reuter) — A charge that British officers in a prison camp in Germany are living in an old cellar with no plumbing sanitation or daylight was made by a member of the House of Commons who asked what the Government could do about it.

The Financial Secretary of the War Office, Mr. Law, stated that information was received about the unsatisfactory conditions in two German camps.

Everything is being done through the protecting power and there is no further means of bringing pressure on the unscrupulous foe.

MASS JAP. RAID ON CHANGTEH

CHUNGKING, Apr. 24 (Central) — Three Hunan towns Yiyang, Changsha and Changteh were attacked by Japanese aircraft yesterday.

Yiyang and Changsha were each bombed by nine planes and Changteh by 18 planes. Explosives were dropped indiscriminately. Japanese aircraft also conducted extensive bombing over Fukien yesterday.

BRITISH ARMY IN GREECE DIVE-BOMBED, STRAFED FROM DAWN TO SUNSET

LONDON, April 24 (Reuter) — A full-scale attack by the German forces against the British Army in Greece in its new positions is expected to be launched at any moment, writes Reuter's correspondent with the British Forces in Greece. The spirit among the British forces is superb and they continue to show great courage in harassing advanced German elements.

A British padre, who has just visited the wounded who are being evacuated from the frontal regions, said: "The men are all in good spirits although they fully realise that they are up against it."

While the British solidly face the full strength of the German army, awaiting the attack, they are being dive-bombed and machine-gunned from sunrise to sunset by the German air force.

Two British soldiers escaped after being taken prisoner. On crossing the British lines, they spoke of the amazing audacity of the German troops. German tanks, they state, are not camouflaged but are painted black with a red Swastika.

Transport is not conveyed and masses of material, guns and tanks, all jumbled together, are poured along the lines of communications, making good bombing targets.

TEMPORARY LULL

CAIRO, April 24 (Reuter) — It is reliably stated that a temporary easing of German pressure in Greece has enabled the British to consolidate their new position, but the respite is not expected to last.

The main Greek army on the British left flank is holding firm it is stated here.

It is pointed out that the Germans must now be experiencing difficulties in their communications since their lines of supply across great distances are limited, and considerable damage has been done to them by both sides.

This probably accounts to some extent for the slight relaxation in the German's tempestuous push which has enabled the British forces to carry out a successful withdrawal to a new line.

The easing off may also have been due, it is stated, to the heavy losses suffered by the Germans. One German division brought back to Rumania in the middle of April has lost 65 per cent. of its personnel and material, according to the reports of refugees.

NAZI CASUALTIES

German losses in Greece are extremely heavy according to reports reaching Ankara.

Travellers from Bulgaria state that the German troops in Sofia can hardly believe their eyes as they see masses of wounded arriving.

The wildest estimates of German losses are current in Sofia, one putting Germans killed at 80,000 and wounded at a quarter of a million; these may not be creditable but they do serve to indicate

that the casualties have been severe and beyond all German anticipation.

OCCUPATION OF LEMNOS

Nothing is known in Ankara about the reported German occupation of Lemnos and Samothrace, but well-informed circles consider it likely that the Nazis will attempt to capture all the Greek Islands which, in conjunction with the Dodecanese, afford useful jumping-off bases for aircraft.

Although the war is now approaching Turkey's sea coast as well as the land frontiers, the Turkish public remains cool and its spirit is summed up in the words of one leader of public opinion who said yesterday: "If attacked we will fight to the last man; we have taken all precautions. Let the aggressor remember he will not take us by surprise."

New Chinese Ambassadors To Britain And France

CHUNGKING, Apr. 24 (Central) — It is officially stated that Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to France, and Dr. Wei Tao-ming, Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, have been slated Chinese Ambassadors to Britain and France, respectively.

It is said that the Chinese Government is seeking agreement to their appointments from the British and Vichy Governments.

Dr. Koo was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Acting Premier 1922-4, Minister of Finance and then Minister of Foreign Affairs and Premier 1926-7, Minister for Foreign Affairs, December, 1931, Chinese Assessor to the Lytton Commission of Inquiry, January-September, 1932, and has been Minister and then Ambassador to France since October, 1932.

Dr. Wei Tao-ming was Minister of Justice, 1928-9, and Mayor of Nanking, Apr. 1930-December, 1931.

Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Foreign Minister Designate, is expected to arrive in Chungking toward the latter part of May when he will assume his new post.

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Matsuoka Was Not Invited To London

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter) — Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, did not receive an invitation from the British Government to visit the United Kingdom during his visit to Europe, declared Mr. Anthony Eden at question time in the House of Commons.

He added that the House had no doubt seen Mr. Matsuoka's statement to the press about the purpose of his visit to Europe.

Commander Bower, Conservative, asked: "Is Mr. Eden satisfied that Mr. Matsuoka is obtaining enough, and not too much, information about our war effort through the medium of the Japanese Ambassador?"

Mr. Eden: I cannot answer for the exercise of ambassadorial functions of other states. I feel sure the Japanese Ambassador does his task.

DIVE-BOMB ATTACK ON HOSPITAL SHIP

HAIFA, April 24 (Reuter) — A British hospital ship carrying wounded German and Italian prisoners arrived here yesterday. It is reported that the vessel was seen to be deliberately dive-bombed by five Nazi planes while embarking both enemy and British wounded at a Libyan harbour.

Captured German airmen said that they had been ordered to attack anything and everything they found. All five dive-bombers were shot down by the harbour defences.

MORE U.S. TROOPS FOR MANILA

MANILA, April 24 (Reuter) — The United States troop transports Mariposa and Washington are expected to arrive in Manila in May.

The Mariposa is expected about May while the Washington will arrive later, both bringing large detachments of troops.

BRITISH BOMB EXPERT BLINDED

Disclosure Made By Lord Beaverbrook

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter) — One of Lord Beaverbrook's "Back Room Boys"—the trio who in virtual obscurity devise the R.A.F.'s implements of aggression — has been blinded, temporarily it is hoped.

This disclosure was made in the course of Lord Beaverbrook's statement in the House of Lords yesterday, reviewing the R.A.F. expansion. He is Air Commodore Huskinson, whom Lord Beaverbrook in a broadcast on March 23, described as the designer of "big bombs, fat bombs, thin bombs and beautiful bombs."

During the fierce blitz against London on April 18, Air Commodore Huskinson left his shelter and stood watching the effects of bomb explosions. Unhappily, said Lord Beaverbrook, an explosion resulted in the loss of his sight, but "I am glad to say that there is some prospect of his sight being restored shortly, and we are anxiously awaiting his return to the Ministry."

Yugoslavia To Carry On The Fight

LONDON, April 24 (Reuter) — The Yugoslav King and Government have definitely aligned themselves with other governments who will continue their struggle against the Nazis from exile.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary told the House of Commons yesterday that the Yugoslav Government is now established, having given a formal assurance to Britain to stand faithfully behind the British Government as Allies and to continue thus until victory is won.

Britain, added Mr. Eden, intends to restore the independence of Yugoslavia and meanwhile will give the fullest possible measure of help.

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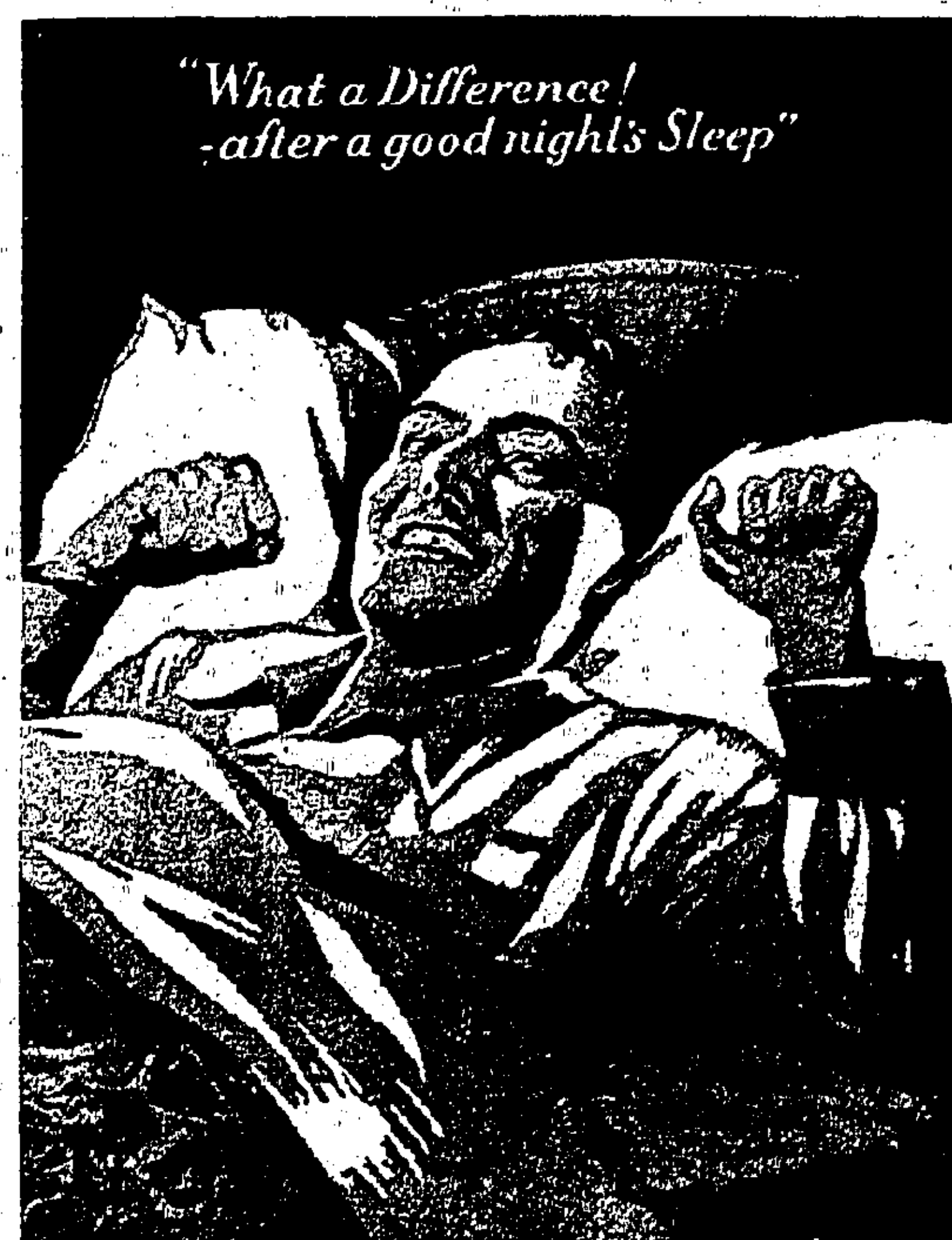
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FINANCE CAMPAIGN OF CHINESE Y.W.C.A. ENDS

THANKSGIVING SERVICE: PRIZES PRESENTED BY MRS. N.L. SMITH

A THANKSGIVING SERVICE, BRINGING TO A CLOSE THE PRESENT YEAR'S JOINT FINANCE CAMPAIGN OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, was held at the local Y.W.C.A. headquarters, 38c, Bonham Road, yesterday evening. The service was followed by the presentation of prizes and a dinner.

The Y.W.C.A. had set a goal of \$12,000 for the campaign but the teams participating together brought in \$18,644.76, the sum exceeding by more than \$6,000 what had been looked forward to.

Miss Shin Tak-hing, Executive Secretary of the Hongkong Y.W.C.A., in presenting a report on the whole campaign, noted the fact that 342 workers had participated in collecting the money, aided by students in various schools and industrial workers.

In all, 5,109 contributions had been received, and 13 of the teams participating had gone over their team goal of \$2,000. Ninety-eight of the workers participating passed their individual goal of \$150.

Mrs. K. H. Wu, of the Canton Y.W.C.A., took the chair, and Mrs. Tsao Ting-kit, Dean of Pui To Girls' School, led the Thanksgiving Service.

Following the Service, Mrs. N. L. Smith, wife of the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, gave away souvenirs to the captains of the winning teams and workers who had raised the largest sums of money.

WARM THANKS

Dr. Katie Woo, M.B.E., in extending to Mrs. Smith the warmest thanks of the Y.W.C.A. for her presence on the occasion, referred to the active and helpful part Mrs. Smith had played in the campaign.

"The success of our campaign has been due largely to her interest and her excellent broadcast and the hundreds of letters she has signed on our behalf," Dr. Katie Woo said.

Continuing, Dr. Woo referred to the many other advisers who had helped the campaign and said she would like to take the opportunity presented by the occasion to thank also Sir Atholl MacGregor and the other ladies and gentlemen who had assisted the campaign with their advice.

"Mrs. Smith has endeared herself to us more than ever. No words that I can say will be adequate enough thanks for the fervent manner in which she has identified herself with our work," Dr. Woo concluded.

LIVING CONDITIONS OF POOR CHINESE CHILDREN

Report Of Boys' And Girls' Club Association

Comparatively few people in this Colony have not, at some time or other, cursed, or felt like cursing, some street urchin who might have got in their way or whose ball game might have given annoyance, forgetting that the poor child has nowhere to go to or any other way of passing his time.

As any social worker would be able to testify, the home life of poor Chinese children is a bed space shared with several others, and that their recreation is hanging about the streets.

For some lucky ones, there are the Children's Playgrounds to go to, if they live near enough. For others, the Society for Protection of Children stand as god-parents; while for some others are the various boys' and girls' clubs. But, for the majority, the streets are their only recreation grounds.

OBJECT OF CLUBS

These clubs, founded some years ago with the object "to provide a centre where adolescent children may meet together, and by engaging in a variety of activities, grow up into fit, happy men, and women, and good intelligent citizens," proved so successful that an Association—known as the Boys' and Girls' Club Association—was formed about five years ago under the Presidency of the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong.

A very interesting survey of the living conditions of children in the Colony is given in the 1940-41 Report of this Association, a copy of which has just been received.

"This work," states the Report, "is urgently needed in Hongkong where a very large percentage of the children have little or no education or opportunity for comradeship and recreation other than that provided by the life of the streets. It is a disturbing fact that through poverty many thousands of children are driven to work, for which they are not sufficiently developed, and even to beg and to steal."

The children who belong to the clubs of the Association, went on the Report, come from the poorest families, and are for the most

part from the indigent population of the Colony. "We think that is no exaggeration to say that for every child who can join a club there are at least fifty others for whom there are no such facilities and who desperately need them and we still have, therefore, a very great problem in front of us. We must expand further and we appeal for your help now and in future."

CLUB ACTIVITIES

The programmes of the clubs are not standardised but reading, writing and arithmetic are the three universal subjects taught, while general knowledge, hygiene, Chinese history and Mandarin are also taught in some of the clubs. Ping-pong, football, swimming, acting, hill climbing, competitions, and an athletic sports day, are also part of the activities of these clubs.

Court work, visits to Remand Home, and medical attendance are part of the work undertaken by leaders of the clubs.

During 1940, \$4,375.22 were paid out by the Association as against \$2,592.92 in 1939; while the in-

NOT MEMBERS OF ANY CLUB



their recreation hanging around the streets."

C.P. VISITS TRAINING SCHOOL

Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, made his first official inspection, at the Police Training School, Nathan Road, yesterday.

After having been met by Insp. A. W. Smith, Principal of the P.T.S., about 10 a.m. at the door, Mr. Pennefather-Evans reviewed the recruits. He was impressed by the drill.

Mr. Pennefather-Evans left the School after one-and-a-half hours.

ITALIAN PRIEST IN COURT

An Italian Catholic priest, Francis Ricciardi, having no address in the Colony, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of breach of the Defence Regulations.

The charge alleged that he, being an enemy alien, was found in Lau Fau Shan, in Ping Shan, northern district of New Territories, which is a protected area, without permission of the Chief Security Officer on Apr. 21.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Chief-Detective-Inspector A. H. Eiston, of the Special Branch, prosecuting, said that on the afternoon in question, defendant was seen by a Police in a tea house in Lau Fau Shan. As he was not in clerical garb, the Police asked him who he was. To this, defendant replied that he was a Spanish subject and gave his name as Lopes.

NO IDENTIFICATION

Failing to produce any identification card or papers when he was asked to, defendant was told that he would be taken to the Ping Shan Police Station. On the way there, he admitted that he was an Italian.

According to defendant, he had come across the bay from Nam Tau, Chinese Territories, to get provisions.

Asked what he had to say, defendant replied that he came out of necessity to get provisions for the Mission and also a small hospital which the Mission was operating and that he knew nothing about the Hongkong regulations.

"TO SAVE MY SKIN"

Mr. Lowry: Why did you tell the Police that you were a Spanish subject when you were asked to reveal your nationality?

Defendant: I did so as a lame excuse to save my skin.

Mr. Lowry ordered defendant to be remanded until Monday.

AUXILIARY NURSING SERVICE

The following members have now completed their 96 hours hospital training in the wards and gained their proficiency certificate:—

Daisy Turner, Dorothy Ascough, Marjorie Grindley, Christine Corra, Leopoldine Corra, Marjorie Fordham, Kathleen Rosset, Maud Dover, Doris Lemmon, Sister St. Patrick, Vera Gavriloff, Florence Lammert, Frances Webber, Myra Terner, Dorothy Wilson, Yan Seng Wah, Mrs. Levkovich.

come for that year was \$4,375.22 as against \$3,535.15 of the previous year. The balance of cash in the bank and at hand was only \$560.34 as compared to \$942.23 at the beginning of 1940.

FUNDS NEEDED

In an accompanying letter to the Hongkong Daily Press, the Honorary Secretary wrote, "We are much in need of financial support from the public in order to maintain our activities, let alone expand, at our present rate."

Donations may be sent to Mr. Kwok Chan, of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, who is the Honorary Treasurer.

SPORTS DAY

On Saturday, the Association will be holding the annual inter-club sports at the South China Athletic Association Stadium, Caroline Hill, commencing at 1 p.m., at which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., will be present, and to which the public is cordially invited.

GOVERNOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO CORPS OF AIR RAID WARDENS ON THE CENSUS

Tribute to the work done by the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens in the recent population-count was paid by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon. His Excellency also placed on record the Colony's great gratitude to Sir David J. Owen for his labours here and for the very valuable Report on the future control and development of the port of Hongkong.

ADMIRABLE WORK

Addressing the Council, His Excellency said:—

Hon. Members, Before adjourning the Council I wish to refer to two documents which were laid this afternoon by the Hon. The Colonial Secretary.

In the first place I wish to commend warmly the admirable work done by the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens in the recent population-count, and to mention in particular its organisers, namely, Wing Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, O. B. E., Director of Air Raid Precautions, Mr. A. E. Gerondal, Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden, Hongkong, Mr. M. L. Bevan, Head Warden, and Mr. C. T. Bailey, District Warden.

This highly useful census work lay completely outside the proper duties of the Corps and entailed a great deal of labour upon them. Nevertheless, it was cheerfully undertaken by the Corps in the most public-spirited manner and carried out with great success. I thank them for what they have done for the Colony.

In the second place I wish to record the Colony's great gratitude to Sir David J. Owen for his labours here and for the very valuable Report on the future control and development of the port of Hongkong which has resulted therefrom. Sir David Owen undertook this onerous and very important work without remuneration to himself as a contribution to the Empire's war effort.

I regret to have heard recently that Sir David Owen was taken ill on his way home and I know that this Council join me in the sympathetic hope that by now he has fully recovered.

MOTIONS APPROVED

The Attorney General moved, and the Colonial Secretary seconded, that the amendments made by the Urban Council under Section 4 (XVI) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, on the 25th day of March, 1941, to the by-laws under the heading "Conservancy" contained in Schedule A to that Ordinance, to take effect on 1st May, 1941, be approved; and that the Third Volume of the new edition of the Regulations of the Colony which has been prepared under the authority of the Ordinances and Regulations of Hongkong (1937 edition) Ordinance, 1938, as amended by Ordinance No. 18 of 1939, and which has this day been laid before this Council be approved.

The motions were carried.

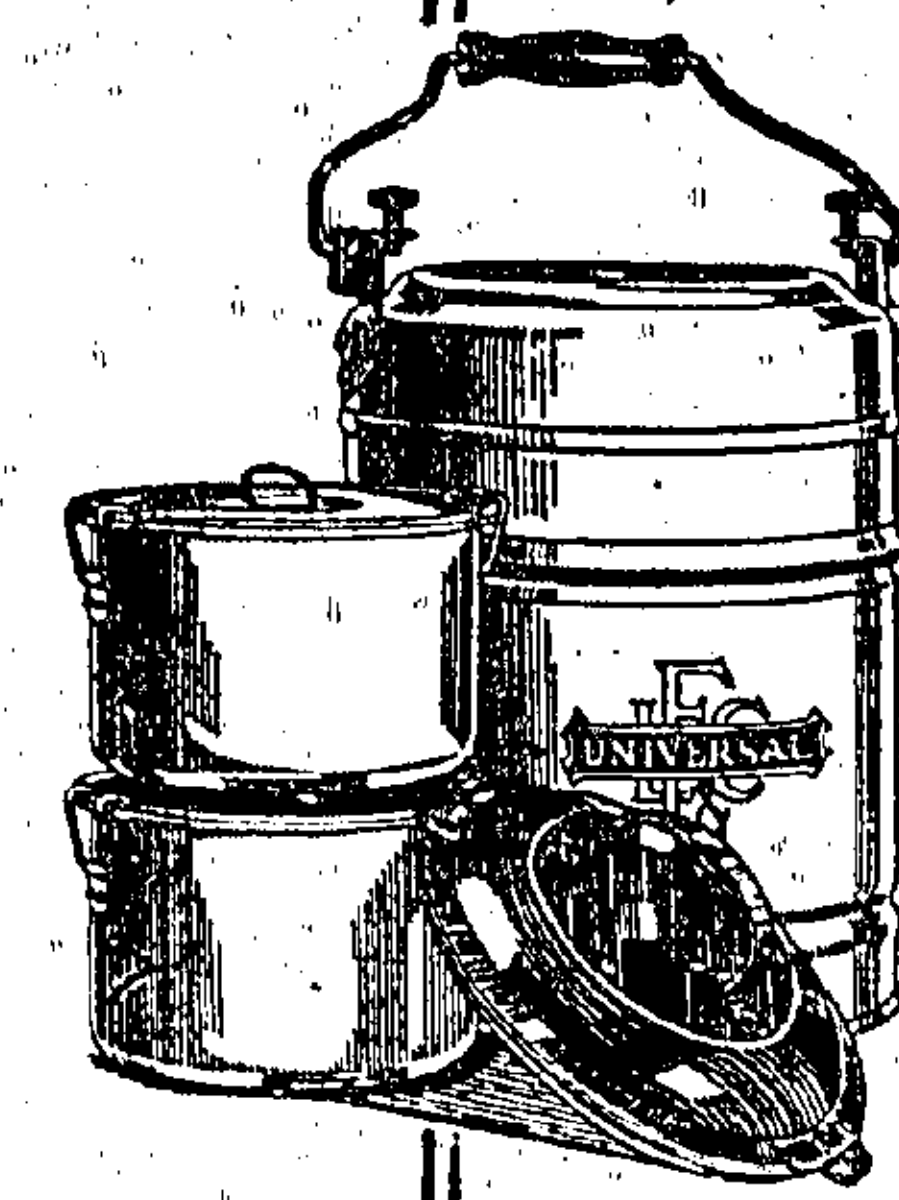
The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill to amend the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance, 1933. He said that in committee, at the second reading, he would move an amendment to read as follows: "Every timber store shall be maintained in a good state of repair and cleanliness to the satisfaction of the Licensing authority" (in this case the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade).

THOSE PRESENT

Present at the meeting were H. E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote (President), H. E. Major Gen. A. E. Grasett, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary) Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney General), Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd (Acting Financial Secretary), Hon. Mr. A. E. Purves (Director of Public Works), Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans (Commissioner of Police), Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, jun., Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong and Mr. C. Bramall Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Council).

OATH TAKEN

Prior to the business of the meeting, the Hon. Mr. John Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, took his oath of allegiance.



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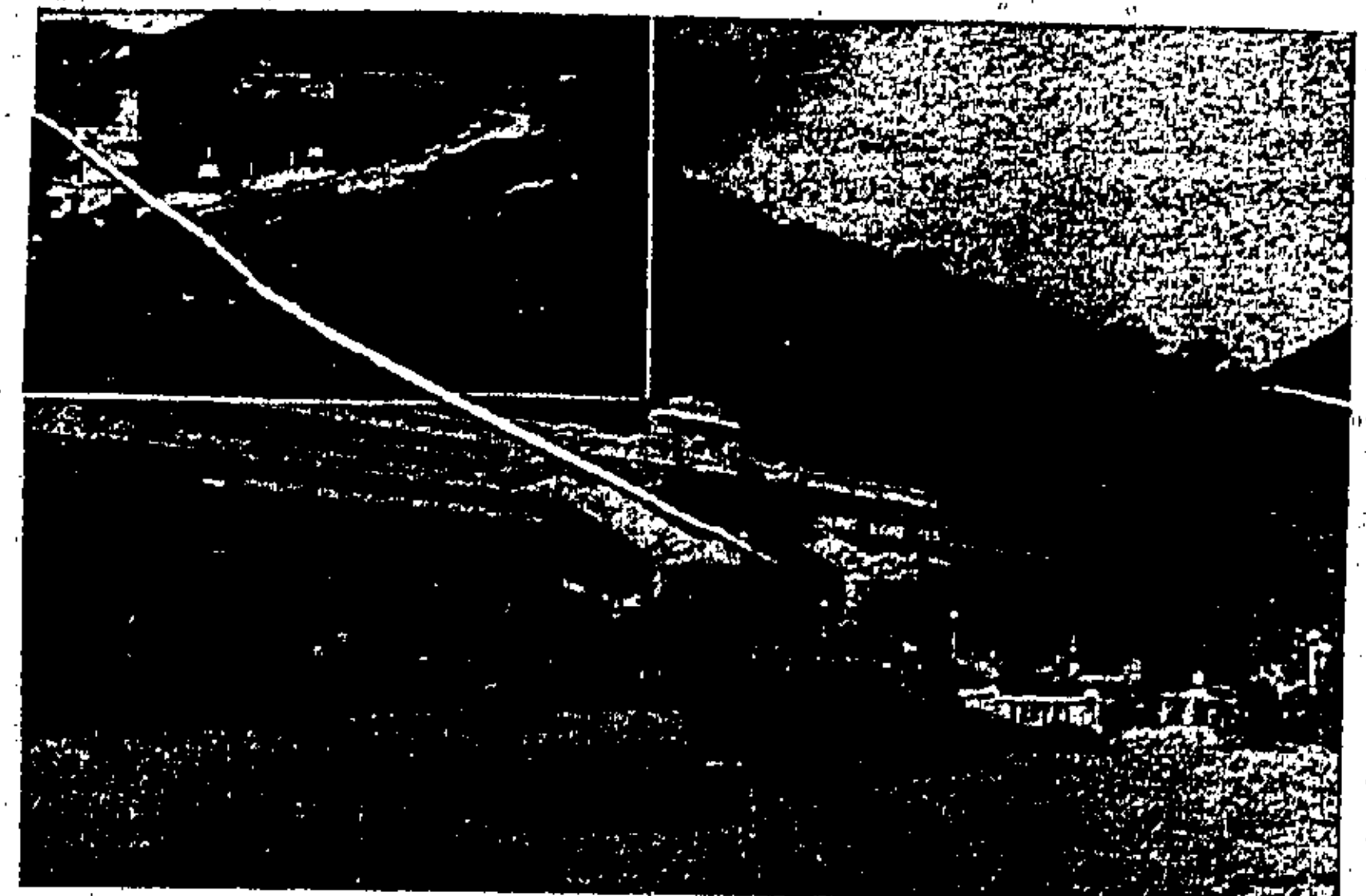
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To the Distress Relief Association for the Six Districts Western Kwong Tung, for feeding 5,000 refugees in the Sam Shui area, \$3,000.

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NOTICE.

Margaret Jane Russell, Deceased: All persons having claims against the estate of the late Miss Margaret Jane Russell who died on the 18th April, 1941, are requested to send full particulars thereof forthwith to Messrs. Deacons, Solicitors, of No. 1, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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POLICE & PUBLIC CO-OPERATION

HONGKONG'S new Police Chief, Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, has hardly had sufficient time to make himself fully acquainted with the many problems of maintaining law and order in the Colony, but he has doubtless realised, even in the cursory look around since his arrival here, that the task of "cleaning up" is going to prove a formidable one. Having a personal knowledge of the fine record of service which Mr. Pennefather-Evans had in the Straits Settlements Police Force, where he gained a wide experience of conditions pertaining to the East, we feel confident that he will apply himself to the task with the same zest and zeal that singled him out to be the head of the Police Department of Hongkong. That confidence has been strengthened by the appeal which Mr. Pennefather-Evans made, in the course of an interview with this paper yesterday, for public co-operation. He only repeated a truism when he declared that no Police force can hope to obtain results without this co-operation and the statement he made guaranteeing not to compromise members of the public who assisted the work of the department in this way should encourage the man-in-the-street to respond more actively to this request. In the past, fear of undue publicity and consequent inconvenience and even perturbation over the future safety of members of the public, have contributed much towards refusing the Police Force this assistance.

THE ENCOURAGING advice now given by Mr. Pennefather-Evans on this particu-

Nine Traffic Fatalities

WEEKLY RETURNS

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, there were altogether 88 traffic accidents as the result of which nine persons were killed and 25 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, two Chinese females, aged 64 and four, and two Chinese males, aged 62 and 12 were knocked down and killed by a bus, a lorry, a tramcar and a public car respectively while crossing the carriageway.

A Chinese male, aged 16 and a Chinese female, age 20, died from injuries received while alighting from a moving tram and a moving bus respectively.

An Indian motor cyclist, age 22, died from injuries received by falling off a moving cycle.

A male tram passenger, age 25, died from injuries received when his head was struck by another tramcar while he was leaning out of the tram window.

A motor cyclist, age 30, died from injuries received as the result of a collision between vehicles.

A Chinese female, age 34, who was knocked down and injured by a military lorry while crossing the carriageway on April 18, succumbed to her injuries on April 18.

Of 86 accidents, 32 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 21 accidents were due to other causes.

lar point should bring better results in awakening the law-abiding citizens of this Colony to a sense of their own responsibilities in combatting the forces which are opposed to law and order here. It might be well to remind our new Police Chief here that this public co-operation with the members of his force to be fruitful must be dependant to a great extent on Police co-operation with the public. This is one aspect of Police administration which has, though not entirely absent, been somewhat inconspicuous. Complaints of this nature have been very frequent—complaint of scant attention given to representations, of lackadaisical action taken where the social status of the party making the report or seeking assistance does not impress police officers.

THE MOST important feature of this co-operation which is necessary from the Police Force is in its dealings with the members of the press, who, in the course of their duties, have either to seek confirmation of news or get particulars of crimes and other matters of public interest from the Police. Here again, we must hasten to add, this co-operation has not been entirely lacking, but there have been numerous instances of undue hampering of the duties of pressmen when making these inquiries, of brusque dismissals to inquiries made, of discrimination in giving such information. Even in the routine and simple work of reporting the cases that come up before the lower courts there have been cases where members of the press have been treated with a lack of consideration by Police officers. The press of Hongkong are just as anxious to help the forces of law and order to conduct their duties successfully. In pointing out any deficiencies they are only performing the public duty for which they exist. On the other hand, they have always been willing to co-operate with the Police where the publication of certain facts would not be in the public interest. There must, therefore, be a better acceptance of the policy of "give and take" in the relations between the Police and the public generally.

RETIREMENT AFTER 35 YEARS SERVICE

Presentations To Det.-Insp. Chu Heung

On the eve of his retirement on pension after 35 years of service, from the Hongkong Police Force, DETECTIVE-INSPECTOR CHU HEUNG was the guest-of-honour at two tea parties, one given by Mr. WONG TONG and the other by the staff of the CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT, at Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon.

Those present at the party, given by the C. I. D. staff included the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, Mr. C. G. Perdue Deputy Commissioner, Mr. F. W. Shaftain, A. D. C. I., Mr. W. P. Thompson, Mr. A. R. S. Major, Mr. E. C. Luscombe, Mr. B. C. Fay, Chief Inspectors M. H. Hourihan and C. R. Rozesky, and Chief-Det.-Insp. M. Murphy.

GREAT ADMIRATION

Mr. Pennefather-Evans said, in part:

I am glad to meet this afternoon C. I. D. Officers and particularly Insp. Chu Heung, whose record I read with great admiration. I trust that C. I. D. Officers will follow the excellent example given to them by Insp. Chu. His zeal and devotion to duty have been outstanding.

I personally mean it to make it my duty to see that C. I. D. Officers receive every encouragement and consideration.

Mr. Perdue revealed that Principal Chinese Detective Wong Lau had been appointed as Insp. Chu's successor.

At the other party at which Mr. Wong Tong presided, Mr. W. P. Thompson and Mr. F. W. Shaftain were present.

HIGH TRIBUTE

High tribute was paid to Insp. Chu by Mr. Shaftain who, in the course of his speech, said:

Not only are we saying farewell to Insp. Chu, we are also saying farewell to a personal friend.

Last night I had the honour to attend a dinner given in honour of Insp. Chu. There I mentioned one detail which to my mind is a very important one.

Insp. Chu from the beginning of his service, year by year, has obtained commendations and awards. These are honours, great honours. But he is retiring with far greater honours with the knowledge that today he is a poor man. I know that. To retire a poor man from the Government or Police service requires honesty and integrity.

NOT SUFFICIENT

I know that when he leaves the Government service, the pension which the Government will give him after 35 years of service will not be sufficient to support himself, his wife and children, and it will still be necessary for him to labour on.

TEMPLES PAID \$66,711 IN RENT IN 1939

The Report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for the year 1939, tabled at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday, contained some very interesting information regarding the Chinese temples found all over the Colony.

During the Chinese New Year, ching ming, and other religious festivals, these temples are usually crowded to overflowing, giving rise to the conclusion that the keepers are making money "hand over fist."

According to the Statement issued by the Chinese Temples Committee, and included in the report of the S.C.A., \$66,711.20 were collected as rent from the 42 temples during 1939, and \$2,918 were spent on repairs to six temples with another \$469.90 paid as architect's fees for services rendered in supervising of the repairs.

\$12,475 PER ANNUM The highest rent was paid by the Hau Wong Temple, Kowloon City, which paid \$12,475 for the privilege of catering to the religious-minded, while the rental for the To Li Temple at Shauiwan was only \$40, the second lowest, the lowest being \$35 for the Tin Hau Temple at Tsing I Island.

Incidentally, Tin Hau appeared to be the most popular name for a Chinese temple as there are no less than 11 temples of this name in the Colony. Kwun Yum, Pak Tai and Hung Shing tied for second placing with four each, with Tam Kung third with three.



The Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, speaking at the farewell tea party, yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the retirement of Det.-Insp. Chu Heung who is seated on the Commissioner's left. Also in the picture are Mr. C. G. Perdue, D.C.P., and Mr. F. W. Shaftain, A.D.C.I. (Crime).—(Sun Ying Ming).

I hope and trust that he will keep his present physical fitness and be able to carry on for another 30 years.

Mr. Thompson, who also spoke, associated himself with Mr. Shaftain's good wishes.

Suitable replies were made by Insp. Chu on both occasions.

Presentations of the following gifts were made:

A clock and a gold pocket watch from the staff of the C. I. D., a scroll from local prominent businessmen and business organisations, a lifetime picture of himself, a silver cup, a silver vase and numerous other articles.

JOINED AT 25

Insp. Chu, who will be 60 years of age on Apr. 30, hails from Sun On district, Kwangtung Province. He joined the Force at the age of 25 on May 1, 1906.

In March, 1909, he was appointed to the detective staff, where he has been ever since. He was promoted to Detective-Inspector in July, 1923.

During his service, he has received 19 commendations and five medals, Class IV (awarded in 1923), Class III (1925), Class II (1928), King's Coronation Medal (May, 1937) and Colonial Police Medal (June, 1937).

NEWSETTES

Miss M. E. Whitney spoke on the subject "Abraham, the Friend of God," at the weekly Christian and Missionary Alliance Young People's meeting at No. 5-7, Belfan Road, Kowloon, last night. Rev. J. Bechtel presided.

The death occurred on April 12, at the Shanghai General Hospital, of Dr. Friedrich Hans Meyerbach, M.D., aged 42 years, son of Mrs. M. Meyerbach. Funeral Services were held at the Baikal Road Cemetery, on April 15.

A highly informative and interesting talk on "Stamps of the Philippine Islands" was given by Mr. A. E. Gerendal at a meeting of the Hongkong Philatelic Society held at the S.C.M. Post Board Room yesterday evening.

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying at the office of Messrs. Cable and Wireless, Limited:—Barker, Gloucester Hotel, from Manila; Morrison, Gloucester Hotel, from Shanghai; Tsao, Hongkong Hotel, from Hanoi.

BULGARIA & TURKEY

LONDON, April 24 (Reuter).—The Bulgarian Minister in Ankara has assured the Turkish Government that the occupation of the Greek port of Dedeagach by Bulgarian troops implied no hostile intention towards Turkey, according to an Istanbul despatch to the Free French Agency.

The Agency also reports that part of the British colony in Aehn arrived on the island of Chios off the coast of Asia Minor.

SALONIKA

COLLIE RETURNED TO OWNER

The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals was responsible for the return of a lost Scotch collie, "Rex" to its owner, Mrs. R. Ferrajolo, wife of Cav. Uff. Raffaele Ferrajolo. It was reported to have been stolen in Shanghai and brought to the Colon.

THE SPRING-BOARD TO FURTHER NAZI LEAPS: BUT WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER THE MAIN FRONT

"Herr Hitler knows that he will not achieve anything merely by pushing to the Aegean Sea, Salonika is only the spring-board to further leaps," said SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., and former political adviser to the Chinese National Government, when he broadcast from London on Wednesday.

Sir Frederick opened his talk with a brief reference to the propaganda work which was done by the German wireless. This was done even in the last war by the Germans, but then what came over the wireless was only in dots and dashes.

NEW WEAPON

"This time you can hear everything that they say to their own people and to their other audiences all over the world," said Sir Frederick. "It is a new offensive weapon—a new blitz which is being used as a new weapon of the German diplomatic drive as they try to win over one nation after another by fear."

"What is the argument they use to put the fear of death into these listeners? In every case there is one theme that runs through this propaganda—the theme of German power. Germany has shown her strength in Poland, Norway and France, in Yugoslavia and Greece, and, therefore, Germany is invincible. Therefore you had better accept the new order and make the best of the job!"

Sir Frederick declared that the German voice on the wireless seeks to combine persuasion with intimidation and those whom they have selected as their poor dupes are never warned that if they enter the orbit of Herr Hitler they will be fleeced left and right to fill Herr Hitler's larder.

NO CHOICE

They were just told that they had no choice in the matter and that they must capitulate. This was heard right after night. It was a weapon of war, no more and no less and had just as little relation to the truth as any other fantasia played by Dr. Goebbels and his Nazi orchestra of deceit.

How much was there in this German propaganda and how far did people listen to it? How much there was in it, continued Sir Frederick, depended on how people looked ahead and how far people listened to it depended on much the same thing.

"This reminds me of the words of the English poet who said: 'Judge not the play until the play is done,'" continued Sir Frederick. "But others with the menacing shadow of the Swastika looming over them will, perhaps, forget these wise words."

THREE DIRECTIONS

Sir Frederick declared that there were now three directions towards which Herr Hitler would turn—Spain, Turkey and Russia. The atmosphere in Spain had charged of late and this had been accompanied by a whispering campaign that Spain would soon come off and join the Axis, following the example of Japan.

Herr Hitler wanted to move at both ends of the Mediterranean at once. It was no accident that while all this had been going on that the German Ambassadors to Turkey and Russia had been summoned to Berlin to take new orders from their Fuehrer.

"The object is clear," said Sir Frederick. "Herr Hitler knows that he will not achieve anything merely by pushing to the Aegean Sea. Salonika is only the spring board to further leaps and even Emperor

Adolf feels that he must look before he leaps from this board.

"Therefore, every device of persuasion must be employed to bring Turkey into line and to keep the Soviet Union quiet. The recent moves in Iraq might have made even the Turks think twice before they opposed the Germans, but now British troops are in Iraq and Rashid Ali himself says he will stand by Great Britain.

"This pressure on Turkey is not as great as Herr Hitler would like it to be. I am not suggesting that the balance of power in the Mediterranean is still in our favour and meanwhile pressure on Turkey is still being maintained and the Nazis are trying to open a road through Turkey to the oil fields of the Middle East.

SOVIET POSITION

"Not only has Turkey a place in the new plan, but the Soviet Union cannot be ignored. The German propaganda here is significant. There is a difference in what is said on the wireless for Russia's benefit and what is meant for the consumption of other parts of Europe."

Sir Frederick declared that, of course, Russia was meant to overhear one and overlook the other. People in Britain and North Europe were being told that Germany was going to attack Russia. Significantly enough, German prisoners in Britain said that this was common talk when they left home.

But people in the Balkans and Turkey were being told that Germany was going to move against Russia, but that Russia was going to join Germany. The trouble was that people overheard what was said about them and therefore, it could hardly be imagined that M. Stalin or anyone else would now take the German word at its value.

The motive of all this gigantic effort was to make Russia play the German game—with a threat in the background, a threat to attack the Ukraine. Mr. Churchill had himself drawn attention to this threat recently. M. Stalin knew this and had no illusions about the Nazis.

Whether the threat was real and whether he could hold Herr Hitler off with some offer was not clear, but it was only reported that the Nazi Ambassador to Moscow would return to Russia with some new offer and the world would have to wait and see what the next development would be.

THE HOME FRONT

Referring to the Home Front, Sir Frederick said: "The issue of the whole struggle is here—in the Battle of Britain and in the Battle of the Atlantic. If Herr Hitler cannot win here, he cannot win anywhere."

"You cannot get a right picture of this war unless you can see all of it—the Balkans, the Mediterranean and the Cliffs of Dover. These white cliffs of Dover are the real front. The enemy must pass these before the last battle can be fought."

Sir Frederick said that, of course, the enemy flew over these cliffs every night. He had come across last Wednesday and again on Saturday and bigger efforts would no doubt be made to hurt London. But those who could look at London today would soon realise that the enemy would have to attack it every night for a whole month before he could destroy that great city.

British power had not been reduced even by half of one per cent, and these attacks were not being made because of their military value, but because the Nazis were so rattled by the R.A.F. raids on Berlin that their airmen were ordered to deliver some kind of a blow in return.

FUNCHAL MADEIRA, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Twenty-one survivors from the British steamer Aurillac sunk by enemy action, landed here in a lifeboat which was towed to port by Portuguese fishermen. Search for a second lifeboat is proceeding.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB TIFFIN

Interesting Talk On H.K.'s Fishing Industry

An interesting talk on the fishing industry in Hongkong was given yesterday before the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club by Dr. S. Y. Lin of the Hongkong Fisheries Research Station.

The Colony's fishing fleet numbers some 1,000 vessels of 60 feet and some 3,000 between 20 and 50 feet, Dr. Lin said. The larger boats carry a crew of 40 while the smaller fishing boat carries a crew of about 10 men.

The simplest method employed is catching with hook and hand line, while more complicated methods involve a long line of 500 hooks stretching to some 2,000 yards. One sampan lies down the baited portion of the line by its farthest extension while the other hauls up the line, taking the fish off the hooks.

TRAWLING

The latter method may result in a day's catch that will amount to a ton of fish. The main method of fishing, however, is by trawling and some 70 per cent. of the fish finally appearing on Hongkong's tables are caught that way.

Yet another method employed is to drag nets through the water, the nets having a mesh just large enough to wedge the fish in.

An illegal method of fishing that is practiced yet is dynamite fishing. Another fault by which local fishermen tend to make things difficult for themselves is a practice of catching fish that have not grown to their full size, thereby conflicting with the laws of preservation.

NOVEL FEATURE

About the most novel feature of local fishing, Dr. Lin said, was the method employed in netting the Wong Fah or yellow croaker. Fishermen learn to hear this fish give off a peculiar sound and drag their nets toward it. This, Dr. Lin said, was no "Fish Story."

The Chinese fisherman lives a very hard life. Dr. Lin continued, his education is limited and his opportunities practically nil. A lifetime's savings may be lost in a typhoon.

Mr. C. P. Wong thanked the speaker.

POLICE CLUB THEFT

A burglar broke into the Police Club in Boundary Street, by smashing a French window, and stole liquor and tobacco to the value of \$65.

THREE REGISTRY WEDDINGS

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:—

Mr. Wong Pak-ming, clerk, of No. 17 Kai Yee Road, and Miss Woo Sau-wah, of No. 8 Chun Shing St., West Point.

Mr. Tsang Mang-hong, merchant, of No. 8 Yik Kwan Avenue, ground floor, and Miss Chan Luen-sang, of No. 49 Bonham Road.

Mr. Mui Cho-ki, student, of No. 79 Tung Choi Street, and Chan Fung-bik, of No. 81 Argyle Street.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVE OVER COASTAL AREAS

Plymouth Raided For Third Successive Night

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—Enemy aircraft were active over several coastal districts on Wednesday night.

An Air Ministry communique states that a town in North-West England was raided, but the attack though severe was not on a heavy scale as of the previous raid. It ceased shortly after midnight and though damage was done, the situation was always well under control.

EMPIRE FORCES HOLD POSITIONS

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these forces which did not possess anti-tank weapons to turn off towards the mountains in which withdrawal and provisioning became problematic.

OBSTINATE REACTION

"The principal body of our forces in the Epirus which to the last victoriously opposed the Italian forces twice their strength also participated in the general withdrawal and these movements were carried out in order, despite the obstinate reaction by the Italians whom our troops counter-attacked several times even making prisoners."

HOW FAR?

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter)—THE TIMES Military correspondent, commenting on the situation in Greece, says the question arises how far the Greek forces, which had contrived to escape the pincers or were previously stationed farther south, will be able to prolong their resistance.

It is not possible to give a definite answer but, despite the heroic spirit displayed by the Greek army in the past six months, it must be recognised the strain, which these great-hearted fighting men have endured, cannot have failed to affect their physical power to resist, even though they will have to do so, to remain unbroken.

This factor makes the situation of the Empire forces still more difficult.

PREPARED POSITIONS

The Germans have come up against the prepared positions in which our troops may be expected to give a good account of themselves, but the enemy's armoured divisions have not been put out of action and their attacks with powerful air support are likely to be extremely formidable.

It must be recognised that for the time being we are deprived of the initiative and must face the prospect of a defensive war. It has always been apparent that this is likely to occur with the coming of spring.

It is a reason, not for depression, but, for fresh resolution.

FULL CONFIDENCE IN WAVELL

Categorical Assurance In House Of Lords

LONDON, April 24 (Reuter).—A categorical assurance that, despite any rumours to the contrary, General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, enjoys the full confidence of the Government, and has suffered no curtailment whatever of his powers of direction in the Middle East and the Balkans, was made by Lord Moyne in the House of Lords yesterday.

The rumour in question was mentioned by Lord Ellbank, who said that it arose from General Sir John Dill's recent visit to the Middle East.

Lord Moyne, in reply, pointed out that General Dill's visit was in accordance with normal practice, under which personal contact between the highest military authorities at home and in the field is consistently maintained.

N.E.I. DECREE

BATAYIA, April 24 (Reuter).—The Government Information Bureau officially announced a Government decree has fixed the number of foreigners admitted into the N.E.I. during 1941 at a total of 6,000, divided into eight groups of about 800 each, namely, Chinese, Japanese, British Indians, natives of Arabia, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Syria and Iraq, North

NEW TRAINING COLLEGE



His Excellency the Governor speaking at the official opening of the new Northcote Teachers Training College on Wednesday afternoon. Also on the stage are Mr. C. G. Solis, Director of Education (left) and Mr. T. R. Rowell, Director of the College. (Sun Ying Ming).

GREEK FORCES IN EPIRUS, MACEDONIA CAPITULATE: TERMS OF SURRENDER

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The agreement on the "capitulation of the Greek forces in the Epirus and Macedonia, issued last night by the Italian High Command, reads:

(1) The High Command of the Italian forces and armies in Albania and the High Command of the German troops in Greece accept the unconditional surrender of the Greek forces.

(2) Troops belonging to the Greek Army of the Epirus and Macedonia are prisoners of war.

In view of the valour displayed by the Greek troops on the battlefield and the fact that they safeguarded their military honour, Greek Officers shall keep their swords and equipment.

All Italian prisoners of war in the territory of the Greek Army of the Epirus and Macedonia must immediately return to the Italian troops.

GREEK PRISONERS

Greek prisoners will meanwhile be assembled in concentration camps. After the conclusion of military operations in continental Greece and the Ionian Islands, the question will be considered of releasing all officers and men.

(3) The Greek High Command shall arrange for Greek detachments to remain under their officers and shall take early measures to carry out their capitulation. Supplies and services for Greek prisoners shall for the start be maintained by the Greek High Command.

SPOILS OF WAR

(4) The arms and all war material and reserves of the Armies of the Epirus and Macedonia, including aviation material, shall constitute spoils of war.

(5) The High Command of the Greek troops shall employ all means immediately to bring hostilities to an end and prevent all damage and destruction of war material and supplies and see that the roads in its territory are repaired without delay.

MAIN GREEK ARMY

CAIRO, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—It is believed here that the surrender of the Epirus Army does not affect the main Greek force.

The official Italian news agency says that the surrendered forces number between 16 and 18 divisions—the greater part of the Greek army.

FRONTIER FORCES

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Authentic figures of the extent of the Greek capitulation are not yet forthcoming.

The military commentator of the official Vichy French news service says that 100,000 Greeks have surrendered, including the crack troops engaged on the Albanian frontier since December. He claims that this accounts for the greater part of General Papagos's forces and leaves only a few Greek units in the line co-operating with the British forces.

The commentator thinks that the surrender lays open an area bounded by the Pindus Mountains and the Gulf of Patras on the Ionian Sea.

LI CHAI-SUM DISCUSSES SOVIET-JAPAN ACCORD

Interviewed regarding the recent Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, General Li Chai-sum, Director of the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters in Kweilin, said that the effect of the accord on the Far Eastern situation would be about the same as that of the Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact on Europe in 1939.

Amplifying his statement, Gen. Li said that as a result of the Pact, war in the Pacific now became more imminent than ever as Japan, with her "back door" now safe, would have a free hand to launch her southward expansion or to accelerate her invasion in China.

Gen. Li deplored the fact that in signing the accord with Japan, Soviet Russia promised to respect the territorial integrity of "Manchukuo" in contravention of the Sino-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact of 1937.

Though the Pact might encourage Japanese aggression, it would not extricate Japan from her present difficulties, nor would it shake the firm Chinese determination to continue the current resistance, Gen. Li declared. (Central News).

MATSUOKA TRIP TO AMERICA

Officials of the State Department declined to comment upon the NEW YORK TIMES report from Tokyo asserting that influential Japanese quarters strongly suggest Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, take a trip to the United States to avert the crisis in the Pacific by an amicable settlement of the outstanding issues between Japan and the United States.

While the report above-mentioned cannot be confirmed in Administration circles, observers believe that the officials' refusal to express any opinion regarding it indicates either they are not taking it seriously because it seems so far-fetched, and follows so closely upon Mr. Matsuoka's visit to Berlin, Rome and Moscow, or they are not interested in the idea of a visit by Mr. Matsuoka to the United States altogether. (Central News).

GERMAN SPY RING IN CUBA

LONDON, April 24 (Reuter).—According to a report reaching London, a Nazi spy organisation has been discovered in Cuba. A number of people have been arrested, including a man said to be an officer in the German army.

INFILTRATION OF NAZIS INTO IRAQ

Commons And Threat To U.K. Interests

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, replying to a question in the House of Commons, declared that he was well aware of the potential menace to British interests and the independence of Iraq of any German infiltration into Iraq.

Liberal Nationalist, Mr. Morris Jones, asked whether Mr. Eden would see that no Foreign Office hyper-sensitiveness was shown to German agents in Iraq and that they would be cleared out bag and baggage immediately.

Mr. Eden replied that these epithets will have no place in any action Britain may take where she had power and authority to take action.

"I SAW THE CAPTURE OF OSLO"

(Following a recent lecture by Mr. Leland Stowe at Duke University, Miss Marianne Gutmann of Chapel Hill, N.C., sent the following letter to the Durham, N.C. Herald):

"I too was present at the invasion of Norway. However, contrary to Mr. Stowe, I had been living in Oslo for the past five years, was living there also during the war and until I left Oslo in November 1940 for the United States. During all those years I had an opportunity to get acquainted with the different types of Norwegians and to learn to understand and admire their character.

"The last point is necessary to comprehend their attitude at the invasion of Oslo. Mr. Stowe said that the Norwegians were inactive and he only saw young Norwegians sitting leisurely in cafes, while the Germans occupied the country.

"It lies in the Norwegians' character that they do not show their feelings. They are not like the Greeks, they are an entirely different race. They are very calm and reserved people and seldom express their feelings in public, and a person who does not understand their language or had not become acquainted with their properties would not realize what people they really are."

CITIZENS JOIN FIGHT

"But the second day, after the Germans had entered Oslo and swept their troops over the country, the Norwegians got active.

"Although the only national broadcasting station had sent out orders to the effect that there was to be no mobilisation and that all the country should be calm and that every man of military age, who was trying to leave the city, would receive death penalty—in spite of those orders the Norwegians left the city. They went off on skis through the woods on the outskirts of Oslo, joined others and then they would obtain uniforms and guns. Others came on bicycle or marched on their feet for miles and miles to reach a fighting unit. Not only young courageous men, but also old people and girls and women, who offered to cook for the soldiers, stayed at their posts in spite of all bombing and machine-gunning.

"The Norwegians fought a wonderful fight against an overwhelming power for two months. Which other invaded European country in the second World War resisted that long?

"They were all determined to fight for the freedom of their country, which had been invaded and deceived by an unscrupulous fiend. Even when the country stopped fighting after three months, they have not yielded, yet, and they continue to oppose the Germans until their country will be free and independent again.

"The Norwegians, men and women, boys and girls, have to be admired just as much as the Finns."

SMALL FIRE

A small fire was started at the Neon-light signboard of the A Man Hing Cheong tailor, No. 54, Queen's Road Central about 9.35 last evening.

The Fire Brigade was summoned and the fire was put out when the light was switched off. Slight damage was done.

THE LONDON BROADCASTER ON THE ECONOMIC WAR



Until war dragged him out of his shell, broadcasting was a new experience to Donald Tyerman, who speaks on the economic aspects of the war in the BBC's "Questions of the Hour" and "Radio Newsweek." Donald Tyerman was born in 1908, the son of a Middlesbrough accountant, and was educated at Gateshead Secondary School. From there he went to Brasenose College, Oxford, with economics as his subject, and then took a post as Lecturer in Economic History at University College, Southampton. Barred by a permanent limp from an active life, sports is nevertheless his passion.

WAVE OF ANTISEMITISM FOLLOWS IN COUNTRIES UNDER NAZI CONTROL

BERLIN.—A wave of antisemitism following close behind the victorious German armies has swept over the countries of Europe.

It struck with the greatest violence against Poland, which before the start of the war—with an estimated 3,000,000 Jews—had the largest Jewish population of any country in Europe. Only a slight ripple was caused in Norway and Denmark, which together barely had 8,000 Jews.

Poland today is a closed country barred in principle to neutral correspondents. Information on the country therefore only can be second-hand and incomplete. Official German statements make it clear, however, that Jews—totaling perhaps 2,000,000—in the Polish ramp known as the "government general" have been driven back into a ghetto of the middle ages.

LARGEST GHETTO

The largest ghetto is in Warsaw where, according to German estimates, there are approximately 500,000 Jews. Other big ghettos or "Jewish city districts," as the Germans prefer to call them, are at Lublin and Cracow.

The Germans set about creating Warsaw's ghetto immediately after Poland capitulated. Jews were evicted from their homes throughout the city and herded into the ghetto.

The eviction of Cracow was carried out in what was described as "voluntary migration" under which up to September 1940, more than 32,000 Jews left to settle in the Warsaw and Lublin ghettos.

ENTIRELY ISOLATED

The Warsaw ghetto was completed Nov. 18, 1940. It is entirely isolated from the remainder of the city by a barbed wire fence. All the gates are guarded by German, Polish and Jewish police. No one can enter or leave without a special permit signed by German authorities.

Throughout the "government general" and other parts of former Poland annexed outright to the Reich, all Jews must wear yellow arm bands with the star of David.

Each ghetto is governed internally by a Jewish council of elders which, naturally, is under strict German supervision. Policing of the ghetto is carried out by Jewish constabulary recruited from former Jewish officers and non-commissioned officers from the Polish and Austro-Hungarian armies. Raided by German Gestapo police, however, occur frequently.

COMPELLED TO WORK

Since January 1940 all male Jews between the ages of 14 and 60 have been compelled to work for German authorities in the Jewish labour service.

Throughout former Poland the public German policy is to treat the Jews as inferior, a "low quality" race. Under German rule they have no place in the general community. They are isolated and quarantined.

In occupied France the anti-Jewish campaign flared immediately after the German invasion.

Following short antisemitic editorials in the German-controlled Paris press, the German military government in France on Oct. 2 issued a decree compelling all Jews to register their business and themselves. Jewish stores had to carry yellow and black signs.

"Jewish Enterprise." Three weeks later followed another decree authorising Aryans to take over the Jewish business. A third decree, ordered immediate closure of all Jewish businesses on arrival of a German-appointed Aryan administrator to conduct inventory.

POLICE ESTIMATES

According to Paris police estimates, there are 3,000 Jewish stores and 150,000 Jews in greater Paris.

The antisemitic campaign began in Belgium soon after the invasion. Under various German decrees Jewish lawyers no longer are permitted to practice. Jews are not permitted to hold jobs as teachers, professors, managers, directors or editors of newspapers.

Jewish refugees are not permitted to return to Belgium. All Jews must register with a full inventory. All towns with less than 5,000 inhabitants must keep a register of Jewish inhabitants. All hotels, restaurants, cafes and bars owned by Jews must display this notice: "Jewish Enterprise." It must be in the German, French and Flemish languages.

ANTISEMITIC OUTBURST

In the occupied Netherlands the situation is much the same. A small antisemitic outburst occurred a few months ago with the smashing of windows in some Jewish stores but German authorities ordered a cessation of the activities.

The only occupied countries where there is very little antisemitism are Norway and Denmark. Nazi parties in both these countries have indulged in some anti-Jewish propaganda but the movements gained no headway—probably because there are so few Jews in Scandinavia. Denmark has only 8,000 Jews, Norway only about 1,500.

NORWEGIANS COOL TO NAZI OFFICERS

Nazi attempts to enlist young Norwegians in German military service are meeting with little response. In order to speed up recruiting for the so-called Nordlands Standarte, the Nazi party has now ordered local storm troop detachments to place a certain number of their members at the disposal of this embryo regiment. The age limit has been raised from 23 to 40 years. Those who join are promised rewards ranging from government jobs after one year's service to built-up farms for those who actually serve for two years; while as an additional recompense, German citizenship is offered.

(Note: At the beginning of the invasion of Norway eleven months ago, the Nazis solemnly declared that they would never try to make Norway a fighting partner against Great Britain.)

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Official Administrator, Supreme Court, to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on
Friday, the 25th April, 1941,
at 12 o'clock, Noon.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Second Floor.

The Personal Effects of Mr. G. A. Evans—deceased

including 2 Camphorwood Boxes,
1 Wardrobe Trunk and 1 Bag Golf Clubs

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

Friday, the 25th April, 1941,
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Haikow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

comprising:—

Teakwood Bed Room, Dining Room, Drawing Room and Office Furniture, Wardrobe & Cabin Trunks, Carpets, Rugs, Carpet Runners, E. P., Brass, Glass and Porcelain Ware, Gramophones & Records, Curios, Ornaments, Gas & Cooking Stoves, Electric Table Fans & Lamps, etc., etc.

also

A QUANTITY OF BLACKWOOD
AND RATTAN FURNITURE.

and

1 "Westinghouse" Refrigerator
1 "Frigidaire" Refrigerator
1 "Mullard" Radio
1 "Underwood" Typewriter (portable)
2 Enamelled Baths
1 "Leica" Camera (model IIIA)
1 Exposure Meter
1 Tientsin Carpet

On View from Thursday,
the 24th April, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Tuesday, the 25th April, 1941,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at No. 27, Humphrey's Building,
Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

On View from Monday, the 28th
April, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery

LAMMERT BROS.,
AUCTIONEERS.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on
Saturday, the 26th April, 1941,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

A Quantity of Radio Sets, Kits, Loud Speakers, Eliminators, Chargers and Other Accessories.

also

HOUSEHOLD & OFFICE FURNITURE AND SUNDRIES.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
AUCTIONEERS.

ROUND THE
POLICE
COURTS

AT CENTRAL

UNEMPLOYED GAOLED

Ho Chiu, 44, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was sentenced by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday to three weeks' hard labour on a charge of stealing a mahjong set, valued at \$20, from No. 150, Lockhart Road, ground floor, on Apr. 23. Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley prosecuted.

LIFE BANISHMENT

For returning from life banishment, Lam Siu-hung, 22, unemployed, was sentenced by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday to eight months' hard labour on a charge of breach of the deportation order.

Defendant was originally also charged with stealing a wrist watch from the person of Kwan Yee-mei, 24, woman, of No. 27, Hollywood Road, at Queen's Road Central, near Sai Street, on Apr. 23, but the charge was withdrawn by the Police.

It was stated that defendant had four previous convictions.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers prosecuted.

LEPER GAOLED

Fung King, 26, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday, when he pleaded guilty to charges of receiving two stolen rifles and assaulting Sgt. J. Lewis.

A leper, Au Wing, 24, of no fixed abode, was sent to three weeks' hard labour on a charge of stealing the utensils from No. 69, Hennessy Road, ground floor.

Sgt. Lewis said that he saw Fung carrying a sack in Johnston Road, near Tai Wo Street, about 5.30 a.m. yesterday morning. As he was opening the sack to see what was inside, defendant attempted to run away. A tussle ensued and lasted about five minutes, during which both fell to the ground.

TRESPASSED IN CAMBER

That he had lost his way and did not know where he was going was the plea made by Lau Ah-sap, 38, of Ningpo, Chekiang, a trimmer residing on-board a ship of the Moller Line, in answer to a charge of trespassing in the Camber of the Royal Army Service Corps, before Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, prosecuting, said that defendant was found walking inside the Camber about 6.30 p.m. Wednesday night. "Guards were posted all round the place and I did not know how he managed to get in there," added the Sergeant.

Defendant was discharged with a caution.

FORGED NOTES ALLEGED

Alleged to have tendered two forged \$10 notes of the Chartered Bank, on different occasions, Chan Piu, alias Lam Piu, 28, was charged before Mr. Macnamara yesterday with uttering and possession of three forged notes.

Det.-Sgt. D. G. MacPherson said that accused went to the Man On Chuen medicine shop at No. 82,

OWEN REPORT

Recommendations On The
Future Control And
Development Of Harbour

The establishment as soon as possible of a Hongkong Harbour Trust; reclamation, with new piers in front, from the junction of Connaught Road with Queen Victoria Street to the junction of Connaught Road with Murray Road; consideration be given to the removal of the Air Port to some other place, such as the New Territories; and removal of the railway station at Kowloon from its present site be considered at some suitable future time, are among the recommendations contained in a Report on the future control and development of the port of Hongkong by Sir David J. Owen, dated Feb. 24, 1941, and which was tabled in Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

Sir David Owen's summary of recommendations is as follows:—
(1) That a Body to be called the "Hongkong Harbour Trust" be established as soon as possible.

CONSTITUTION OF TRUST
(2) That the constitution of the Trust be as under:—

Three Government officials of high standing, to be appointed by the Governor.

Three British subjects connected with the trade of the Port, to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the General Chamber of Commerce.

One person interested in the trade of the Port to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

One independent Chairman, being a person of business experience and, if possible, with a knowledge of Port affairs, to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the other members of the Trust at a meeting duly held for the purpose.

(3) The Harbour Trustees, other than the Chairman, to be unpaid, but the Chairman to be paid a suitable annual fee.

(4) This Body of Harbour Trustees to remain in being for three years as an experiment.

(5) The matters over which the Trust would have control to be:—
Leasing or letting of piers.

Construction of new piers as and when necessary, and the charges therefor.

Lights and buoys (Navigation), and the charges therefor.

Mooring buoys, and the charges therefor.

Ferries, and the royalties, etc., therefor.

Dredging the Harbour as required from time to time.

Licensing of Pilots.

Regulation of Harbour traffic and the promulgation of the necessary by-laws for this purpose.

The general policy of the Harbour.

RENTS AND CHARGES
(6) The rents of the piers, the charges for the use of mooring buoys, the charges levied upon the ferry owners in the form of royalties, etc., and the light dues to be paid to the Trust.

(7) No charges or rents to be levied by the Trust without the consent of the Governor thereto having been first obtained.

(8) The necessary staff for the working of the Trust to be supplied by the Government from their official establishment, for the experimental period of three years.

(9) The Trust to regulate its own procedure with the proviso that a quorum at any meeting should be four, and no Trustee to be allowed to vote on any question directly affecting his own or his firm's business.

(10) The policy to be adopted by the Trust to be that of seeing that adequate and proper facilities are

available in the Harbour for ships and their cargoes, but to allow approved private enterprise to provide these facilities as far as possible, and also to let private enterprise do its own operating. This would involve the renewal of the piers leases which expire in 1949, (except in those cases where new piers would be provided, which would require special treatment as mentioned in paragraph 89), and the issue of new leases as occasion arose.

NO SUB-LETTING
(11) Every future lease should stipulate that the lessee is to use the pier only for the purpose of his own business, and that no sub-letting is to be allowed.

(12) A statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Trust to be published annually.

(13) During the experimental period of three years, any surplus of revenue over receipts to be paid over to the Government and any shortage to be recouped by the Government.

(14) At the end of the experimental period of three years, if the Harbour Trust is found to function satisfactorily, it should be established on a permanent basis, with the same constitution and duties, subject to any modification that may be deemed to be desirable in the light of the experience gained.

(15) That Connaught Road from its junction with Queen Victoria Street to its junction with Queen Street be widened by reclamation and 13 new piers constructed in lieu of the existing piers which would be demolished; and that a reclamation, with new piers in front, be made from the junction on Connaught Road with Queen Victoria Street to the junction of Connaught Road with Murray Rd.

All this is shown on the attached plan. The cost of the reclamation and of any piers for Government use, to be borne by the Government, but the cost of the other piers to be borne by the proposed Harbour Trust.

REMOVAL OF DEPOT
(16) That negotiations be entered into for the removal of the Royal Naval Depot from its present position on the west side of the Kowloon Peninsula to some other suitable site.

(17) In due time, when the ocean-going trade of the Port expands to such an extent as to require further accommodation, the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company to be encouraged to provide more pier and godown accommodation to the northward of their present premises on the west side of the Kowloon Peninsula, the Naval Depot having, it is assumed, been by then removed. The question should also be considered of providing transit sheds, passenger accommodation and railway sidings on any new piers constructed. The railway connections would necessitate taking over the Military lands south of Austin Road and moving the Military elsewhere. A tentative scheme of new piers in that locality is shown on the attached plan.

(18) That the work of reclaiming land from the waters of the Harbour be undertaken by the Government and not by the proposed Harbour Trust.

(19) That it is desirable for the Government to carry out the following works of reclamation as soon as practicable:—

(a) Filling in the present Typhoon refuge harbour at Mong Kok Tsui (187 acres) and filling in about 143 acres at Cheung Sha Wan, together with the formation at the latter place of a new Typhoon refuge in lieu of the former.

(b) A small reclamation at Yau Tong Wan in order to accommodate ship and boat building yards that would be displaced at Cheung Sha Wan.

(c) About 214 acres at Tsun Wan.

AIR PORT REMOVAL
(20) That a reclamation at Ngau

THE CHILDREN'S
DIET: A WORD
TO MOTHERS

The health of the children is the mother's first responsibility. She takes infinite pains, and sometimes goes short herself so that they can have the best of everything, and grow up sturdy men and women ready to shoulder the responsibilities of life when they are called upon to do so.

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Give it to the children with their principal meals and then see what a difference it makes to their well-being; they will be brimful of health and energy all day long. With perfect health and sound nerves there will be no sign of peevishness when bedtime comes and they will fall into deep, peaceful, restorative sleep as soon as their little heads touch the pillows.

Tau Kok, adjacent to the area at Kwan Tong now being slowly reclaimed by the dumping of town refuse, be included in the programme of development for carrying out at such time as circumstances indicate, with road and rail connexions as required.

(21) That consideration be given to the possibility of removing the Air Port to some other place say in the New Territories, in order to avoid so costly a reclamation scheme as would be necessary to enable the Air Services to develop at their present site.

(22) That the removal of the railway station at Kowloon from its present site, to a more suitable site, as shown on the attached plan, be considered at some suitable future time.

(23) That in due time when the traffic increases to such an extent as to justify it, a new vehicular ferry service be established with a pier opposite Marsh Road, Hongkong, and another pier opposite Gillies Avenue, Kowloon.

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Flow Of U.S. Aircraft To Britain Increasing Rapidly: Home Production A Record

LONDON, April 24 (Reuter).—Nearly 1,000 assembled American and Canadian aircraft have already been delivered to the R.A.F. and only one aircraft was lost in the ferry service between America and Britain.

These and other arresting details of aircraft production were given by Lord Beaverbrook in the House of Lords yesterday.

PRINCIPLES FOR PROVINCIAL-OPERATED TRADE

With a view to protecting the legitimate interests of the merchants the Executive Yuan laid down the following principles relative to provincial-operated trade and provincial economic control:

First, a demarcation should be made between provincial-operated trade and government control over consumption and price stabilisation.

Secondly, provincial trading companies should be operated in strict accordance with regulations while price stabilisation may be effected through the organisation of prices and commodities regulation boards or co-operatives.

Thirdly, control over imports should be carried out in strict accordance with the laws and decrees promulgated by the National Government, and no extra levies should be collected under whatever pretext.

Fourthly, Chinese and foreign merchants should be treated on an equal basis in the matter of control. (Central News).

No Fish For Fishermen!

The latest word from Norway is that the Northland provinces, centre of the richest fisheries in all Europe, are faced with the extraordinary prospect of going without fish to eat! This is, of course, thanks to Nazi demands that practically the whole catch of fresh fish be shipped to Germany for consumption. At the same time they are thus depriving Norwegians of sorely-needed fish and fish products, the Germans boast that they are really helping Norway by creating a good market for fish.

HARDSHIPS REDOUBLED

Life has always been hard for the fishermen of northern Norway, but now their hardships have been redoubled. Cut off from their usual supplies of fuel, bait and equipment, they have to pay exorbitant prices for such material as can be purchased. Operating expenses have risen so sharply that with the prices paid by Germans for fish there is little or no profit in fishing nowadays. Add to this the dangers from floating mines along the banks off Tromsø and western Finnmark, and the fact that many of the best fishing craft have been requisitioned by the Germans, and it can be seen that the fisherman's lot is not an enviable one in Norway.

PRE-WAR STATISTICS

(Norway had one of the world's largest and most modern fishing fleets up to the time of the Nazi invasion, April 9, 1940. Practically the whole fleet was equipped with motors; in 1936 the fleet numbered 11,623 decked motor boats, 13,671 open motor boats, while steam vessels and sailing vessels numbered 333 and 196 respectively. In addition there were 55,000 open boats including dories. The value of the fishing vessels in 1935 amounted to 60 million crowns and that of their equipment to about 40 million crowns. The total value of the catch for 1936 was 81,300,000 crowns.)

GOODWILL FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA

BATAVIA, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Royal D.E.L. Airlines Knim will make a goodwill flight to Australia with one of her new American Douglas-DC5 air liners in order to give the Australians an idea of these new ships of which Knim possesses two.

These ships were originally bought by the Royal Dutch Airlines Knim for the European services, but could not be delivered owing to the German invasion of the Netherlands after which they were transferred to the Knim.

LONDON GOLD

London, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168-.

We now find American engines quite as good as any in the world, he said. Many American machines are in operational use—very many.

Lord Beaverbrook confessed that he had a thrill when the first Liberator recently arrived in Britain. It is a very big aeroplane, faster than the Stirling, and carries a fine bomb-load.

The British Admiralty in the last few days had received 95 aircraft by sea, 355 tons of aeroplane parts and 326 engines.

INCREASING FLOW

There has naturally been a drain on the shipment of aircraft by sea from America due to losses in convoy but our disappointment on this point is dissipated by the knowledge that the flow of aircraft from the United States is increasing rapidly.

The ferrying service is continuing and is likely to be developed and extended, and possibly we shall soon be able to fly some of our fighters by a route somewhat different from that taken by bombers.

Lord Beaverbrook disclosed that Sir Frederick Banting, the Canadian scientist, lost his life when a bomber destined for Britain landed in trees in Newfoundland and was destroyed.

Dealing with his policy of dispersal of manufacturing plants on a large scale, Lord Beaverbrook said that enemy bombings in which the Germans claimed to have inflicted immense losses in aircraft and aircraft capacity have turned out to be nothing at all because our plants had been out of the bombed area altogether.

HUGE RESERVES

Rapidly as the R.A.F. is expanding, strengthened by a flow of pilots and crews from the Dominions, aircraft in storage show a satisfactory position. Of five principal operational types, we have reserves in scattered store houses of 100 per cent.

We are not satisfied with that and we think that the R.A.F. is entitled to a reserve of 200 or 300 per cent.

Notwithstanding the increasing supplies from America, our own production must continue to be of first importance. In February we produced more operational aircraft, bombers and fighters, than ever before. In March we achieved another record with two and a half times the production of last year. The March output exceeded our target programme.

NORWEGIAN-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A trade agreement has been reached between Norway and Russia, according to the Quisling Commissar for Commerce, Herr Chanessen.

The agreement, states the Norwegian telegraph agency, provides for the exchange of goods to the total value of 40,000,000 kroner.

Norway will receive supplies of corn, cake meal, fuel oil and cotton in exchange for industrial products.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Apr. 23 (Reuter).

Apr. 11 Apr. 18

Notes in circulation

(including Notes held in the Banking Department) 27,851 27,991

Rupee Coin Bullion

in India 3,497 3,537

Gold Coin and Bullion in India 4,441 4,441

Securities (Indian Government) 9,035 9,132

Securities (British Government) 10,976 10,979

(Figures in Lakhs Rupees)

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted

on Thursday, April 24, 1941.

SALES

China Providents 500 \$ 4.50

China Lights (O) 700 5.90

H.K. Tramways 300 16.00

H.K. Wharves 60 85.50

1,500

The total value is \$16,310.00.

Finance and Commerce

FRENCH WHEAT CROPS

VICHY, April 24 (Reuter).—An increase in wheat crops both in Occupied and Unoccupied France from 7,800,000 acres in 1940 to 10,000,000 acres in 1941 was announced in a speech at Limoges by the Vichy Secretary of Agriculture, M. Calot.

He added the rearing of cattle had proved insufficient through dear foodstuffs amounting to 40,000,000 quintals, equivalent to the sustenance of 1,200,000 cattle.

M. Calot thanked agricultural workers for having made the spectre of famine less threatening.

H.K. Stock Exchange

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$70.

Indo-Chinas (Pref.), \$80.

Hotels, \$2.80.

Macao Electric X.D., \$17.

Entertainments, \$8.25.

SELLERS

H.K. Banks, \$1340.

Realities, \$2.90.

Trams, \$18.20.

Electric (O) X. Rts., \$28.

Electric Rts., \$14.50.

SALES

Wharves, \$85.50.

Trams, \$16.

Lights Rts., 40 cts.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE, SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY 24 APRIL.

Buyer Seller Sale Nominal

Bank of East Asia, \$70.

Indo-Chinas (Pref.), \$80.

Hotels, \$2.80.

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Trams, \$16.

Lights Rts., 40 cts.

H.K. Banks, \$1340.

Do. (Col. Reg.), \$78.

Do. (Lon. Reg.), \$71.

Chartered Bank, \$28.

Mercantile Bk. "A", \$23.

Mercantile Bk. "C", \$21.

Bank of East Asia, \$70.

N. C. & S. Banks, \$15.

Insurance, \$22.

Canton Insurance, \$49.

Union Insurance, \$49.

Underwriters, \$80.

H.K. Fire, \$18.

Shipping, \$12.

Douglases, \$8.

Steamboats, \$7.

Indo-Chinas (Pref.), \$80.

Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$80.

Shells, \$40.

Waterboats, \$6.

Docks, Wharves, \$8.

Godowns, etc., \$4.

H.K. & K. Wharves, \$8.

Providents, \$4.

H.K. Docks (Old), \$10.

H.K. Docks (New), \$24.

Shanghai Docks, \$24.

Mining, \$14.

Railways, \$8.

Hong Kong Mines, \$14.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings, \$2.90.

H.K. & S. Hotels, \$33.

H.K. Lands, \$33.

Do. 4% Debentures, \$37.

Shanghai Lands, \$12.

H.K. Realities, \$3.

Hampshire, \$6.70.

Chinese Estates, \$12.

Cotton Mills, \$37.

Ewo (S.), \$200.

S'ha Cotton (S.), \$37.

Zong Sing (S.), \$200.

Wing On Textiles (S.), \$12.

Public Utilities, \$16.

H.K. Tramways, \$16.10.

Peak Trams (old), \$7.

Peak Trams (new), \$3.

Star Ferries, \$51.

Ymat Ferries, \$23.

China Lights (O), \$6.

China Lights (New), \$25.

H.K. Electric (Old), \$25.

H.K. Electric (New), \$14.

Macao Electric (Old), \$23.

Macao Electric (New), \$23.

Sandakan Light, \$23.

Telephones (old), \$23.

Telephones (new), \$23.

Industrials, \$30.

Cald, Macg. (Ord.) S., \$25.

Cald, Macg. (Pref.) S., \$15.

Canton Ice, \$15.

Cement, \$7.

H.K. Govt. Loans, \$7.15.

4% Loan, \$7.

5% (1934), \$4.

5% (1940), \$4.

Miscellaneous, \$17.

Dairy Farms, \$6.

Entertainments, \$1.50.

Constructions (old), \$1.

Constructions (new), \$1.

Nanyang Tobacco, \$2.15.

Sincere, \$2.20.

Waleons, \$2.20.

Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.Bds, \$28.

H.K. Wing On, \$42.

S'ha Wing On, \$14.

Vibro Filing, \$8.

Marsman Inv. (Lon.), \$8.

Marsman Inv. (H.K.), \$8.

Wm. Powell, \$1.

Lights Rts., \$1.

Sale to Shanghai

Food Supply In War Time: Need For Resolute Leadership

Our war effort approaches its peak. Planes, guns, and munitions pour out in a steady stream. We farmers are eager to be in no way behind the other war industries. Yet, in spite of Mr. Hudson's tireless efforts to produce the goods, many of us fear that what we have done so far is not enough, writes A. P. McDougall in the Sunday Observer.

Experts have estimated that the increase in the harvest of 1940 is, in calorie values, 1½ per cent. on that of 1939; in terms of tonnage we are told that the increase in grain is 1,000,000 tons. This sounds well, but it represents little more than one-tenth of our imports of animal feeding stuffs, of one-seventh of our imports of wheat. And from this 1,000,000 tons must be deducted the value of the hay or milk produced by the land where it was under grass.

In terms of hay we must allow 2,000,000 tons, and even if this hay, eaten by live stock, represents only one-third of its value in grain, the net increase in food produced is only 350,000 tons. Against the value of the straw may be set that of the seed used, together with the aftermath and winter grass. The 1940 effort was therefore woefully inadequate.

Where have we fallen short? The answer is not far to seek. It is in concentrating in the main on ploughing up 2,000,000 acres of grass land with too little thought of how to make the best of it after ploughing, and in leaving the other 30,000,000 acres of land, grass and arable, absolutely untouched.

SCHEME FOR DRAINING AND DITCHING

We have, it is true, in addition to the ploughing-up policy, a scheme for draining and ditching the millions of water-logged acres of the neglected land of England. But there are neither the machines nor the men available to do more than touch the fringe of this mighty problem. It is also true that 1,000 farmers have been given notice to quit their farms, because they have failed to make the best use of them. This again is a mere flea-bite. Their holdings represent 0.02 per cent. of our total acreage, excluding moorland and mountain.

We, as farmers, shall fall in our effort, until we are producing, taking war limitations into account, the maximum amount of food from our 30,000,000 acres of food from our mountain and moorland. The speediest means of doing so is by obliging every farmer responsible for these 30,000,000 acres to use at least 1 cwt. of ammonia per acre. If it were only available, 2 cwt. per acre could be used with

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advantage on at least 90 per cent. of the land.

We should not then see a paltry 1½ per cent. increase in our production—it would be 10 per cent., perhaps 20 per cent. It would solve the problem of shortage of grass for maintaining our sheep, our bullocks, and our cows. And it could be done within our own resources without calling on our ships.

It would mean no more than doubling our machinery for producing nitrates from the air around us.

We want machinery, and still more machinery. We want power and still more power.

The successful farmer is he who is ready and waiting for the weather, who has sufficient power at his command to make certain that every crop that he grows is in a condition to take advantage of the sunshine when it comes, that his cultivations and fallows are so much ahead of time table that even catch crops become an integral part of his production both for food supplies and for green manuring.

We want such a surplus of power as will tear up the old matted pas-

FERTILE FIELD FOR PROPAGANDA

The Nazi Party in Norway is still meeting with tribulations in its attempts to drum up membership.

During their campaign in one rural district, the would-be nazifiers got a particularly hostile reception. Such audiences as could be assembled consistently failed to show the proper respect for "New Order" ideology. Then came the last straw. One evening, after trying to spread enlightenment among a group of peasants, the Nazi lecturers came out of their automobile to find that some farmers had hitched a manure-cart behind it. On the auto was a sign:

"We want you to have at least one follower."

tures and allow the sunshine to inspire new growth of grass. And these methods are only part of what might be our contribution as farmers to the victory which must and will lie ahead of us.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

APRIL 24, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/3 7/8	
Bank Bills on demand 1/3 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 460	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 103 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 82 5/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills on demand 24	
Credits 60 days sight 24 3/4	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 46	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 104	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Apr. 24.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and Forward. Silver advances reported the market as being steady with no business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 402 1/4.

MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 24 5/16, buyers bidding 24 3/8. Subsequently the market eased off and business was done at 24 5/16 and also at 24 1/4 for near delivery. (The market closed at lunch time with buyers at 24 1/4 for near and forward and possible sellers at 24 3/16 for Cash.)

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 47 1/2 with business done as high as 47 3/4. At the close there were sellers at 47 1/2, buyers at 47 3/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 3/16 and closed with sellers at 3 11/16 for Spot, U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 5/32 and closed a shade lower at 5 1/8 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market was a shade steadier in the afternoon. A small business was done at 24 1/4 for Cash. The market closed with small sellers at 24 1/4 for Cash, buyers at 24 5/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done early in the afternoon at 47 1/2 followed by transactions at 47 3/4, 47 1/4 and 47 3/8. The market closed with sellers at 47 3/8, buyers at 47 1/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Quiet. There were sellers of Sterling for Spot at 3 11/16 and U.S. Dollars at 5 1/8 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Apr. 24 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates		
	Opening	Closing
London	9 3/8-1/8	
New York	5-1/16	
Japan	21-1/2	
India	17-1/4	
Paris	nominal	
Hongkong	20-3/4	
Sterling		
	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-3/16	0/3-11/64
Apr.	0/3-3/16	0/3-11/64
May	0/3-3/16	0/3-11/64
U.S. Dollars		
	Opening	Closing
Spot	\$5-5/32	\$5-5/32
Apr.	\$5-5/32	\$5-5/32
May	\$5-5/32	\$5-5/32
Market	Quiet	

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, April 23, 1941.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.20	11.08	11.15	11.14	.01 off
New York Rubber, May	22.53	22.45	22.53	22.45	.08 off
Chicago Wheat, May	89 1/2	88 3/4	89 1/2	88 3/4	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	67 1/2	67	67 1/2	67 1/2	unch.
New York Hides, June	13.74	13.62	13.72b	13.70b	.02 off

NEW YORK COTTON
Close Closing Change
May 11.15/15 11.14/14 .01 off
July 11.08/12 11.11/11 .04 up
October 11.08/09 unreceived
December 11.07/08 11.06/06 .01 off
January 11.03 N 11.03 N unch.
March 11.05/05 11.07/07 .02 up
Spot 11.35 11.34 .01 off

Total sales Tuesday—85,100 bales.

The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 25 and date of delivery is May 1.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	May	July	September	December
May	22.53/53	22.45/45	.08 off	
July (New contract)	22.05/05	21.95b/97a	.10 off	
September	21.63b/65a	21.59/59	.04 off	
December	21.25 N	21.20 N	.05 off	

Total sales for the day—240 tons.

The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 29 and last trading day is May 27.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	May	July	September
May	89 1/2/89 1/2	88 3/4/89	1 off
July	87 3/4/87 3/4	86 1/2/86 1/2	1 off
September	86 1/2/86 1/2	85 1/2/85 1/2	1 off

Tuesday's sales—10,812,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	May	July	September
May	67 1/2/67 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2	unch.
July	68 3/4/68 3/4	67 1/2/67 1/2	1 off
September	68 1/2/68 1/2	68 3/4/68 3/4	1 off

NEW YORK HIDES

	June	July	September
June	13.72b/73a	13.70b/71a	.02 off
July	13.77/78	13.75b/78a	.01 off

Total sales for the day—58 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

	May	July	September
May	7.19 N	7.21 1/2	.02 up

The First Notice Day for May cocoa is April 24 and the last trading day is May 22.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	May	July	September
May	2.44b/45a	2.44b/45a	unch.
July	2.45b/46a	2.45b/46a	unch.

Volume of business done—188 lots.

The First Notice Day for No. 3 Sugar is April 24 and the last trading day is May 23.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	May	July	September
May	7.8b/79a	7.54b/76 1/2a	.02 off
July	8.1b/82a	7.9b/79 1/2a	.02 off

Volume of business done—34 lots.

The Last trading day for No. 4 Sugar is May 1.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL			
July	9.14b/17a	9.05/05	.09 off

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

September	9.10b	8.95/95	.15 off
NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER			
July	9.05/05		

NEW YORK LARD

N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.02-1/4	unreceived.
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NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, April 23.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1962)	103-15/16
Defence Loan, 3 1/2%	101 1/2
Janitor-Klond Rly. 5% 10	
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	39
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925/41	38
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	40
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	22
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	28 1/2
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	8-10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	48
Honan Rly. 5%	42
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	13
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung T'ing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	10 1/2
Shanghai-Nanking Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	11
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	11
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	11
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	11

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Apr. 23 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Apr. 23 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 94-00-0.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

APRIL 24, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	5 1/2	Kennecott Copper	32 1/2
Alleghany Steel Co.	18 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	31 1/2
Allis Chalmers	25 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	20 1/2
Amer. Can.	33 1/2	Loew's Inc.	30
American Cyanamid B.	35 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	26 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	16 1/2	Montgomery Ward	33 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	36 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	18	National Distillers	18 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	155 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	68	National Supply Corp.	4 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Anaconda Copper	23	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Aviation Corp.	2 1/2	N. American Aviation	12 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	12 1/2	North American Co.	13 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	69 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39
Boeing Airplane Co.	13	Pullman Inc.	24
Borg-Warner	16 1/2	Pure Oil	8 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	18 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	32
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Reading Company, Com	4 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	3 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Celanese	20 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	37 1/2	Republic Steel	30
Chrysler Corp.	2 1/2	Reynold Tobacco "B"	30
Columbia Gas & Elec.	24 1/2	Schenley Distillers	8 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	2 1/2	Shell Union Oil	12 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	3	Socony-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Consolidated Edison	19 1/2	Southern Pacific	11
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Southern Rly 5% pfd.	24 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	27 1/2
Courts Wright (C.)	7 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	61	Stand Gas & Elec.	4 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	140	Standard Oil of N.J.	35
Eagle Picher Lead	7 1/2	Standard Oil of Ind.	5 1/2
Elec. Autolite	26	Swift International	17 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	Technicolor	8 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pfd.	55 1/2	Texas Corp.	37
Elec. Bond & Share 8% pfd.	59	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 7% pfd.	30 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	4 1/2
Flintkote	12 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Gen. Electric	7	Union Pacific	77
Gen. Motors	38	United Aircraft	35
Gen. Railway Signal	11 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	11 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	United Corp.	11/16
Goodrich (B.F.)	11 1/2	United Corp. 5% cum pfd.	19 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17	United Gas Improvement	7
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2	U.S. Rubber	20 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	25	U.S. Steel	52 1/2
Great Western Sugar	22	Vanadium	24
Int. Nickel	27 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	4 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	14	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Johnsman	57 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	88 1/2
		Woodward Iron Corp.	25 1/2
		Chase National Bank	—
		National City Bank	—
		Libby, McNeill & Libby	—

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940/41	Apr. 23, 1941.	Apr. 24, 1941.	Change
High	152.80	116.82	115.33	.81 up
Low	111.84	27.98	28.38	2-38
Industrials	32.67	22.15	20	.47 up
Rails	26.45	18.03	18.05	.18 up
Utilities	92.19	82.06	81.19	.40 up
Bonds	64.07	48.74	48.74	39 off
Commodity Index		63.03	62.64	

Business Done—470,000 shares

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Apr. 23 (Reuter).
Silver—Small trade buying was met by Indian Government sources. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was steady with no business.

Spot, 23-1/2d.

Forward, 23-1/2d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Apr. 23 (Reuter).
Market—Steady. Offtake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-09
May 21 Settlement 62-10
June 20 Settlement 62-11

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).
The Stock Exchange was very cautious. Apart from a little lowering in gilt-edged, price changes were few and business idle.

Industrials ruled fairly steady and Oils and Home Rails were also about unchanged, while among Kaffirs non-producers occasionally offered.

Spanish 4 per cent. declined from 42 to 38 1/2. Japanese and Greek Bonds were also dull but Egyptian unified higher.

Wall Street was dull.

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* TURUGA MARU	Thursday, 8th May

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* OKITU MARU	Sunday, 11th May

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THE POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE COMPANY'S ESSENTIAL SERVICES, if the situation does not improve, was revealed by the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong when he presided at the annual meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., held yesterday.

In spite of approaches made by the company, said the Chairman, no response was received from the other river shipping lines to the suggestion that there should be an economical readjustment of the passage rates, until April 1 this year when the three principal companies engaged in the Macao line agreed to increase passage and freight rates.

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said:—

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

I regret to have to report that although not unexpected, the result of last year's trading was again unsatisfactory. The loss for the year, after providing for depreciation of steamers at the usual rate, repairs, etc., is \$268,118.01.

Throughout the year under review the Company has had to rely mostly on the "old guard" of the Company's fleet—the s.s. Kinshan. When your Directors decided last May to lay up the Taishan because of the prohibitive cost of operation, and later, when they realised that the Chungshan made but a poor substitute for the bigger vessel, it remained for the Kinshan to carry the bulk of the cargo available from Company's patrons.

Trading conditions remained poor for the whole of 1940. Every conceivable effort was made to maintain Company's service on an economical basis, but conditions were such that your Directors were forced to retrench further by laying up the Taishan.

RESTRICTIVE MEASURES

The passenger traffic in the Macao line was adversely affected by the restrictive measures against cholera. When your Directors realised that prevailing conditions demanded immediate co-operation between the river shipping companies towards an economical adjustment of the passage rates they lost no time or opportunity in trying to come to an understanding with them. No satisfactory response, however, was received to all the overtures made, and it remained for the Company to face a daily worsening situation with the hope that something might happen to bring about the desired prosperity.

Freight offerings throughout the year were far from sufficient for the abnormally large tonnage in commission in the Macao line. Competition for what was available remained as keen as ever, and finally resulted in the further retrenchment on the part of Company's service. From August the Kinshan and Chungshan operated only a curtailed schedule of sailings in order to economise coal and oil.

The invasion of the Heungshan District severed all communication between Macao and the interior, and the Tien Shan Customs Station suspended service in May. The enforcement of the embargo on rice from Hongkong further affected freight returns.

IMPORTS NEGLIGIBLE

In the Canton line the interests which the Company had in the operation of the Fatshan came to a stop in July when certain demands made by the authorities in Canton made it impossible for owners to continue running her on a commercial basis.

During the year exports from Hongkong consisted mostly of rice (until the embargo), salt and firewood. Imports were negligible, and varied little from Macao products such as firecrackers and wine, as well as fruits and vegetables which were transhipped

from Canton. The fresh water fish business ceased early in the year for lack of transportation facilities from the interior.

Your Directors have, as usual, been unremitting in their efforts towards the economical running of your steamers. The stock of coal which was bought at a reasonable price late in 1939 lasted the Company for the whole of last year, and is sufficient to see the Kinshan through to next June.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

It is unfortunate that the latest contract has had to be made at a much higher figure. In this connexion prevailing conditions leave much to be desired, and it would seem that Government assistance may be necessary in the near future in the maintenance of our essential services if the situation does not improve.

In the course of his address to you last year the Chairman remarked that there was a possibility of the river shipping companies operating between Hongkong and Macao forming a combine in order to do away with the suicidal competition which had prevailed for so many years past. It is with regret that I have to report that the agreement was never signed. Unforeseen developments occurred necessitating the withdrawal of a few steamers from the line, and causing some owners to imagine that the withdrawals obviated the necessity of a combine.

MACAO RATES INCREASED

I am, however, pleased to be in a position to report that on April 1, 1941, the three principal companies engaged in the Macao line agreed to increase passage and freight rates. These rates have not been brought up to a level commensurate with the much higher cost of operation of the steamers, but it is a step in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that the sensible but belated co-operation thus exhibited by

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AMERICAN TORPEDO-BOATS FOR BRITAIN

Twenty Vessels Ready For Delivery

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—About 20 fast torpedo-boats are ready for delivery to Britain and are possibly on the way now, according to Colonel Knox, the Navy Secretary.

The boats are capable of going at over a mile a minute, he told the press conference yesterday, adding that they will be transported across the Atlantic.

Colonel Knox also revealed that the United States is negotiating for the construction in Canada of a number of warships, probably corvettes.

He pointed out that any warships Canada built for the United States might be handed over to Britain under the Lease and Lend system. The decision will be reached when the ships near completion.

Questioned regarding American aid for Britain in the Battle of the Atlantic, Colonel Knox said that he understood that larger and faster freighters have been seeking, independently, to run the gauntlet of U-boats and bombers for some time.

MARINE COURT

BOAT MISTRESSES FINED

Five boat mistresses were charged before Commander T. C. Stiff yesterday, with using grappling irons and other means for the purpose of dredging coal from the sea bed, off the Kadoorie Estate Coal Yard in the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter.

They were each fined \$10 or ten days.

For boarding a ship in harbour without permission, Cheung San Yung, woman, was fined \$50 or two months.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Apr. 23:—Cholera, two cases; Dysentery, eight cases; Enteric Fever, one case; Measles, one case; Tuberculosis, 31 cases.

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those concerned will be maintained.

Of the immediate prospects ahead of the Company I fear that they are not bright. It is true that from the beginning of this year the returns have shown considerable improvement, but conditions in the Macao line are far from being stable, and the better returns can in no wise be accepted as an indication that we have seen the last of the lean times.

Your Directors, after careful consideration, have decided to lay up the Chungshan. The vessel's capacity for cargo is very limited, and with the passenger traffic subjected to not only the immigration but the cholera restrictions as well, the decision to lay her up until conditions should improve appears to be the only course open.

Concerning the Taishan, your Directors, in consideration of the high price of coal, are considering the question of converting her into an oil fuel burner. It is fortunate that the construction of the ship will not require more than a reasonable outlay for the conversion.

The Adoption of the Report and Accounts was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo.

SHAREHOLDER'S QUESTIONS

Mr. W. E. Kirby then asked: "Was an arrangement entered into with agents of Indo-China transshipment cargo at Macao whereby the Company's steamer was placed at their disposal to the exclusion of local Chinese cargo? If so, has not this arrangement reacted against the Company's interests, in that, while shipment of Indo-China cargo was discontinued, local shippers whose cargo had formerly been shut out transferred their business to other tonnage?"

Mr. Li replied, and said that no Chinese cargo had been shut out, and the arrangements were made because of the higher returns to the Company.

Mr. Kirby: The steamer Tai Ming after an extensive lay-up has recently been placed on the Macao service, in it is understood, direct opposition to the Company's sailing. Would it be correct to say that the interested party in the operating of the Tai Ming is the manager of the Company's Chinese Department and if so, is any action being taken or under consideration by the Directors to deal with this apparently extraordinary state of affairs?

Mr. Li: The ship was not run by the Company's Chinese Manager, and it was not running in direct opposition to the Kinsan.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

On the proposal of Mr. Wei Tat, seconded by Mr. Kwan Yau-kwong, the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-tong and Sir Robert Ho Tung were re-elected to the Board of Directors, while the confirmation of the election of Mr. D. L. Newbigging was proposed by Mr. W. E. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Wong Chik.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were reappointed Auditors on the proposal of Mr. Wei Tat, seconded by Mr. L. B. Wood.

THOSE PRESENT

Those present were the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-tong (Chairman), Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. L. B. Wood, Mr. D. L. Newbigging, Mr. Lo Tung-fan (Directors), Mr. H. da Luz (Secretary), and Messrs. M. H. Lo, Wei Tat, Kwan Yau-kwong, W. E. Kirby and Wong Chik (shareholders).

"Doomed Battalion"
Commander Killed

SHANGHAI, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Colonel Hsien Ching-yuan, Commander of the "Doomed Battalion," was stabbed to death in the internment camp in the International Settlement, Shanghai, this morning by two interned members of the Battalion, who also seriously wounded the Second-in-Command.

The assassins were overpowered and handed over to the police by other internees.

They claimed they did the stabbing because of the "bad conduct" of the two officers.

CHESS RESULTS

Two games were played last night in the Junior Chess championship. R. Danenberg drew with A. Kirruk and W. Lee beat J. H. Almeida.

WOMEN KEEP UP SPIRIT
OF ENGLAND, SAYS DR.
WINIFRED CULLIS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—It is the women of England, back of the Royal Air Force, back of the army, back of the industry, back of everything, that are keeping up the spirit of England.

According to Dr. Winifred Cullis, professor of physiology at the University of London.

"If the women lost courage," she declared, "that attitude would soon be reflected in the men."

FAR EAST TRIP

Dr. Cullis received a year's leave of absence from her university position for a trip through the Far East to bring to British women in the Far East true reports of what the women in England are doing to win the war. She reached here by clipper on the final leg of her journey back to London.

"Behind the British fighting forces—backing up the R.A.F. mending balloons, checking on bombs, growing vegetables on top of bomb shelters, doing virtually every line of work that ordinarily falls to men only, you'll find the English woman," she declared.

"The Spitfires may be winning the war, but the women are the spirit of England."

SAME SPIRIT

"In all my trip through the Far East, talking to groups of women, and men, too, I found that same spirit. British women in Japan, for instance, have no access to news from England. They have only German reports, that are distorted, and a few short wave broadcasts from England. They were immensely heartened to learn the truth."

In Japan, Dr. Cullis was not permitted to talk, but in Shanghai, Hongkong and notably the Netherlands Indies she was free to make public addresses.

"The Dutch people were magnificent," she declared. "It would only take two words to send them into the wildest cheers—'Spitfire and Churchill!'"

CHURCHILL'S BIRTHDAY

"In one little plantation community I asked why the flags were flying, and they said it was for Churchill's birthday."

"In Singapore I talked to women of every nationality—even the wives of Sikh policemen."

The British government has granted Dr. Cullis an additional month's leave for a lecture tour in the United States.

"In England," she said, "women are doing every kind of work. They knit in the trains, theatre dressing rooms, and army posts where they serve as hostesses."

DEFENCE WORK

"They work in the defence industries as machinists. They often refuse to go to the shelters when raids are on, but merely put on their steel helmets and continue at work."

"They run telephone centrals that report and check on every bomb hit and material sent out to repair damages. They run trucks and act as messenger riders."

"Those who are obliged to continue as housewives, cultivate every available inch of garden space, even to the top of bomb shelters."

Badminton
Semi-finals
Concluded

The semi-finals of the Colony badminton championships were completed at the Kowloon C.C. last night with a Mixed Doubles, Junior Doubles and Senior Singles. Scintillating play marked the senior game and the mixed doubles, while the junior doubles also reached a fair standard after a slow start.

The best match was in the mixed doubles in which P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo, winners in 1939, beat the strong Recreio pair, M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva.

In the Senior Singles, M. P. Young, as expected, gave Patrick Wong, holder, a good fight but collapsed in the second set.

Last night's results were: Mixed Doubles: P. K. Hooi and Miss Ulan, Khoo beat M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva. 15-10, 13-15, 15-4.

Junior Doubles: C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat K. Fung and T. S. Young 14-12, 15-8.

Senior Singles: Patrick Wong beat M. P. Young 15-14, 15-3.

ANTI-AIR RAID
TRAININGDefence Corps To Get
Year's Instruction

Leaders of guard and defence corps and other organisations interested in air defence will be given training for a year from April 1st, according to an announcement by the Home Ministry, Domet reports.

The measure was decided by the authorities of the Home Ministry after study of the nation-wide air drills which have been held in the past. They decided the qualifications of leaders of organisations interested in air defence have a good deal to do with the success of air drills.

As a result, the future will see authorities in charge of air-raid drills bending their efforts to improve the standards of civilians whose task it is to give guidance to people in air drills.

The first part of the programme of training leaders of air defence organisations was announced by the Home Ministry on March 20th. It will be completed by the latter part of September when this year's nation-wide air-raid drills will start, lasting for 10 days.

The latter part of the programme of training air defence leaders will be worked out in the light of the results of the nation-wide drills in the fall.

THE PROGRAMME

The items of the programme which has been announced include the following:

1. For a week from the first part of April leaders of guard and defence corps throughout the country will attend a course of lectures on fundamentals of air defence to be given in Tokyo by the Home Ministry with the support of the army and navy.

2. Prefectural Governments will sponsor lectures for chiefs of air defence sections in police stations, fire stations, and city, town, and village offices between April 1st and June 30th. The lectures will last two or three days.

3. Prefectural Governments will sponsor lectures for leaders of guard and defence corps between May 1st and June 30th. The lectures will last two or three days.

4. The Home Ministry will sponsor lectures for leaders of air defence inspection corps between April 1st and June 30th. The lectures, which will last two days, will be held according to the areas into which the military and naval districts will be divided.

5. The Home Ministry will sponsor lectures for civilians in charge of matters related to air defence on the sea with the support of the War, Navy, and Communications Ministries.

6. Cities, towns, and villages will sponsor lectures for heads of air defence sections in town assemblies, leaders of neighbourhood associations, and men in smaller factories. They will be held for two or three days from July 1st to September 30th.

7. Factory associations in various prefectures will sponsor lectures for men in charge of matters related to air defence in the larger factories. They will be held between April 1st and June 30th.

Chinese Communists
Urged To Abolish
Border Regime

CHUNGKING, April 24 (Central)

Kung Ho-chung, former member of the Central Executive Committee of the Chinese Communist Party who voluntarily withdrew his membership from the Chinese Communist Party in 1934 and joined the Kuomintang, has addressed an open letter to the Chinese Communists in which he asked them to abolish their separate political organisation known as the "Border Government," consider the 18th Group Army as part of the Chinese Army and not the army of the Communist Party, and keep their promise to co-operate with the Kuomintang in the dual task of resistance and reconstruction.

FOREIGN MAILS

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CHURCHILL CALLED
A "BOBBY-
DAZZLER"

"Winston Churchill is, to use an Australian phrase, 'a bobby-dazzler,' a real 'crackerjack,' who thrives on combat." This tribute to the British Prime Minister was paid by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, in Manchester.

"He is one of the greatest leaders in all history, one of that rare type of men who do best under strain."

Terming President Roosevelt's all-out appeal for help to the democracies "magnificent," Mr. Menzies said, "this American attitude proves that, to be neutral, you need not be entirely unintelligent, holding no opinions on war, as some neutrals have thought. It also shows you can be neutral and still give tremendous assistance to a combatant country."

Mr. Menzies described Hitler as holding the views of Alice in Wonderland that "what I say three times is true," except that "Hitler says it 30 times, and it is still untrue."

CAR STOLEN

A Morris saloon car, No. 4295, was reported stolen from the Jordan Road car park between 3 to 9 p.m. yesterday.

Tseng Huen, of Chuen Sun Knitting Factory, at No. 314, Tong Mei Road, reported that he left the car and boarded the ferry about 3 p.m. He returned about 9 p.m. and found the car missing.

SEAMAN MISSING

A seaman, Richard Donovan, 35, is reported to be missing from a ship in Kowloon Bay since Wednesday.

A Russian seaman, Victor Ptou-shenko, 42, reported missing from a ship since 2 p.m. on Wednesday, was traced at mid-day yesterday and is now detained by the Police.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE
From 25 Apr. to 1 May 1941.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height		
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.		
Fri.	25	09 02	6 0	02 22	3 2		
		21 31	5 6	14 57	2 1		
Sat.	26	09 22	6 3	02 53	3 4		
		22 11	5 3	15 38	1 6		
Sun.	27	09 44	6 8	03 24	3 5		
		22 48	5 0	16 18	1 6		
Mon.	28	09 58	6 8	03 13	1 4		
		23 26	4 8	16 56	1 4		
Tues.	29	10 21	6 9	04 51	2 9		
				17 37	1 3		
Wed.	30	00 06	4 6	04 44	3 2		
		10 48	6 7	16 18	1 4		
Thu.	1	00 53	4 3	06 04	3 4		
		11 17	6 7	16 08	1 5		

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